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Seattle, Washington, May 16, 1958

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Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Behrman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clayton \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In your "Masters of Deceit" articles as recently published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, you gave the people quite an interesting picture of Communism in America, and how it works. But in one of your concluding articles you took occasion to completely whitewash the undercover element that is actually sponsoring the very thing you are presuming to fight, all of which makes us wonder whether that was not the real purpose of your articles in the first place, that is, to whitewash the real activity of the Jews.

This naturally leads us to one of two conclusions; namely, that you are either grossly ignorant of the behind-the-scenes operation of the thing about which you write, or that you have been basely cowed by the very people you would protect and who are actually promoting what you appear to condemn, thus coercing you to give a clean bill of health to the REAL masters of deceit, who are actually striving, through the mechanics of Communism, to attain to complete world domination.

You of course know that over the years the people of America have come to entertain a very high regard for J. Edgar Hoover and the integrity of the Department he heads. They have come to feel that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, headed by yourself, was the last effective bulwark against the inroads of subversive activity designed to overthrow the government of the United States. You were their champion. But when you come to give the Jews an absolutely clean bill of health in the face of the overwhelming evidence of their undercover complicity in the Communist movement, it seems clearly evident that something is wrong somewhere. And it is either one thing or the other. Either tremendous pressure has somehow been brought to bear by the very people you would exonerate, or, in plain words, J. Edgar Hoover has slipped. But in either respect, your published book may prove to be the Trojan Horse that operates to destroy the American Fortress.

Very sincerely yours,

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2110 East 65th Street  
Seattle 15, Washington

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*PA*  
TO : Mr. Nease *GN*

DATE: May 21, 1958

FROM : M. A. JONES *Y*SUBJECT: 

2110 EAST 65TH STREET  
SEATTLE 15, WASHINGTON  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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We have received a letter from captioned individual dated May 16, 1958.  could not be identified in Bufiles.

letter concerns the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit." He accuses the Director of "whitewashing" the "under cover element" (Jews), further stating that the Director did this either through gross ignorance or because he had been "basely cowed" into this position. He accuses the Director of having yielded to pressure. It does not appear that we should dignify this bigot's letter by acknowledging it.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: May 20, 1958

FROM : M. A. ~~JONES~~

SUBJECT: MRS. [REDACTED]

2590 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 6, OHIO

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The Director has received a letter of May 15, 1958, from above-captioned individual regarding "Masters of Deceit." The correspondent advised that she was shocked and disappointed after reading the Director's book. She states, "So you are afraid of the Jews, too! Most of the Communists are Jews and you know it!"

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Bufiles reflect no information identifiable with Mrs. [REDACTED] on the basis of data available. In view of her antagonistic attitude and inasmuch as she is anti-Semitic, it is not believed any acknowledgment should be made of her letter, since, in all probability, any reply would result in additional similar correspondence from her.

RECOMMENDATION:

That no acknowledgment be made of Mrs. [REDACTED]  
letter of May 15, 1958.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Hoover

I enjoyed reading your recent book very very much & it should be must reading for all patriotic Americans in my opinion. Keep up the good work. Am with you all the way.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. [Signature]  
FROM : [Signature]  
SUBJECT: [Redacted]

DATE: May 19, 1958

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## DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES DETROIT, MICHIGAN

### SYNOPSIS:

Mr. L. B. Nichols by letter of May 12, 1958, has furnished copy of letter dated April 17, 1958, from [Redacted] Department of School Libraries, Detroit Public Schools, to Rosenstiel Foundation, in which [Redacted] mentioned that copy of "Masters of Deceit" had been sent to each Detroit high school library. [Redacted] suggested that in the future books be sent directly to Mr. [Redacted] Assistant Superintendent, for approval before they are sent to schools. Nichols comments that he would guess "some place in the background you will find either an educated ignoramus or a parlor pink." Letter from [Redacted] identical with copy furnished Bureau by Mr. Ed Rigg of Henry Holt and Company by memorandum dated April 28, 1958. Bufiles contain no identifiable record on [Redacted]. A Mr. and Mrs. [Redacted] (no further identification) in 1942 were among sponsors of the Detroit Committee of Russian War Relief, Inc. In loyalty of Government Employees investigation (1951) [Redacted] interviewed about former student who had attended the International Students Conference in Czechoslovakia (1946). [Redacted] had served as a sponsor for trip. [Redacted] characterized subject as unstable and would not fully recommend him. Detroit Office advised that no Michigan state law or Detroit city ordinance exists relative to placing books on shelves of public schools. Discreet inquiry reveals that Detroit Division of Public Instruction provides that Director of Department of Schools Libraries and staff have duty of reviewing all books. By letter dated May 2, 1958, over Mr. Tolson's signature, Rigg advised that there was no Michigan state law or Detroit city ordinance relative to placing of new books in public school libraries; that in Detroit administrative regulations exist whereby Director of the Department of School Libraries has duty of reviewing all new books; and that apparently [Redacted] letter merely in compliance with system of review presently being operated in Detroit public schools.

RECOMMENDATION: We are checking discreetly to see whether books are in Detroit school libraries.  
That the attached letter be sent to Mr. Nichols.

Enclosure

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66 MAY 29 1958 G.A.N./JCS  
informal to Tolson  
from Nease  
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C.R.M./[Signature]

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DETAILS:

Background:

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The letter from [redacted] furnished by Mr. Nichols is identical with a copy furnished the Bureau by Mr. Ed Rigg of Henry Holt and Company by memorandum dated April 28, 1958. Mr. Rigg in a note to Mr. Tolson stated: "I rather think this is just a silly demand to conform to routine. Do you?" Bufiles contain no identifiable record on [redacted]. Regarding [redacted] believed identifiable with the above-mentioned [redacted] invited a Bureau representative in 1938 to address the Detroit Schoolmen's Club. The SAC did address the group. (94-1-7009). File 100-37226-388 reflects that a Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] (no further identification) in 1942 were among the sponsors of the Detroit Committee of Russian War Relief, Inc. In file 121-33764, [redacted] identified as Assistant Superintendent, Detroit Schools, was interviewed in a Loyalty of Government Employees investigation (1951) about [redacted] who attended the International Students Conference in Czechoslovakia (in 1946) and was reported to have communist sympathies. [redacted] he knew subject as a student at Wayne University. Later the subject contacted [redacted] and asked that he serve as a sponsor for this trip (apparently to Czecheslovakia), which he did. [redacted] characterized [redacted] as unstable and would not fully recommend him.

Situation In Michigan Regarding Placing  
Of Books In Public School Libraries

On 5-1-58, we contacted the Detroit Office to determine whether any [redacted] laws or local Detroit ordinances existed which apply to placing of books in public [redacted] libraries. SAC Harry Maynor on 5-2-58 advised as follows:

State of Michigan

Mrs. [redacted] Executive Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Department of Public Instruction, Lansing, Michigan, advised that there was no state law relative to the placing of books in school libraries. Mich. Rev. Stat.

Jones to Nease memo

of Schools must establish his own regulations. The State Library Commission, however, does recommend to school boards that they do have some means to regulate books on school shelves, but nothing specific is outlined.

City of Detroit

Edward S. Piggins, Commissioner of Police, Detroit, made a ~~direct~~<sup>discreet T</sup> inquiry and advised that there was no state law or Detroit city ordinance relative to the placing of books in public school libraries. The Detroit Division of Public Instruction provides that the Director of the Department of School Libraries and her staff have the duty of reviewing all books put into the school libraries and determining what books will be accepted. These rules apply to Detroit only. SAC Maynor added that he did not know why books were to be sent to Mr. [redacted] Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Maynor added that only by direct inquiry could he secure more information.

Action Taken On [redacted]  
Letter As furnished By Mr. Rigg

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May 21, 1958

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Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

*[Handwritten signatures over the table]*

MR. TOLSON:

SAC Maynor has had a discreet check made and two of the Detroit high schools, namely the Redford and the Cody High Schools, were found to have the book "Masters of Deceit" in their school libraries. It would appear, therefore, that the red tape in the Detroit school system has not prevented the book from being placed in the school libraries.

I told Maynor this was a sufficient check.

cc-Mr. Jones  
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G. A. NEASE

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2567 Riverside Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of May 8, 1958, with enclosures has been received and the interest which prompted you to write to me in this regard is indeed appreciated.

I am most grateful for your encouraging comments concerning my new book and for your observations and comments regarding the communist danger to our American way of life. Thank you for your kind best wishes.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

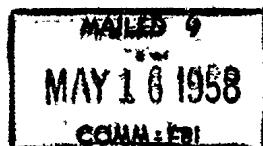
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NOTE:

There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. Enclosures consist of two copies of pamphlet, "Witness" relating [redacted] Latvian origin, religious training, the Russian occupation of Latvia, his persecution and sentence to a Russian labor camp, flight from Latvia, forced labor in Danzig, reunion with his family, arrival in the U. S. under Christian sponsorship in 1949, and his speaking and lecturing activities directed against communism.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

P.O. Box 1636 Phone Ev. 7-5205  
2567 Riverside Ave.  
Jacksonville, Florida

May 8, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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I read your Book "Masters of Deceit" where you tell the truth and danger of the Red devil of Communism.

American people should know the facts about this dangerous evil that has enslaved hundreds of millions of people around the world and is threatening America today.

I will recommend "Masters of Deceit" Book all people in my future speaking engaged.

May God Bless you and our dear land of free.

Sincerely,

s/

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P. O. BOX 1636 PHONE EV. 7-5205  
2567 RIVERSIDE AVE.,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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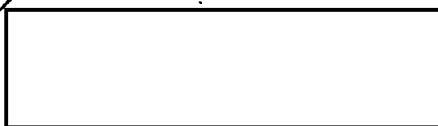
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the next morning began the thirty mile trek into the country to find my wife and family. I prayed every step of the way that this would actually be my family.

At the close of the day, my oldest son was looking out of the window of this country home and saw his father coming down the road. He ran and got my family together and they came and threw their arms around me and welcomed me. That was God's miracle! Here, my family that was dead, was alive! This, indeed, was a miracle to me, and one that I shall never forget all my life.

Our wanderings as displaced persons in the refugee camps of Western Germany constitutes a long, and perhaps uninteresting, story to my readers. There was hunger, cold, sickness and death. Food and help from churches saved many. However, by God's grace, I was permitted passage for my family, and in July, 1949, through American Christian sponsorship, we came to the United States under the program for Displaced Persons. I could not speak the English language; I could speak only Russian, Latvian and German. It was indeed difficult for me as a preacher in the United States, being unable to speak the language. We were poor, even when we arrived in this country. My family slept on the floor. We had no chairs in our apartment, until Christian people heard about us through a news story that appeared in a local paper and brought us furniture, clothing and assistance.

My first few years in the United States, I lectured to the American people and told them the truth about Communism, through the lips of my consecrated wife. She served as my interpreter until I learned the language. Now, thank God, I am able to go wherever I am invited

and tell the truth about Communism, and preach in the English language.

I am concerned about the American people's attitude toward Communism. They are not concerned enough; they do not really realize that Communism is our enemy, and will stop at nothing to destroy the free peoples of the world. Unless you have lived under Communism, you do not know Communism. Instead of Communism being a Utopia where every man has enough food and clothing, they steal from the people, and kill those that will not be slaves to their bidding. I know, I have seen Communism. Even the people behind the Iron Curtain, under the tyranny of Communism, do not believe in Communism. There are 185,000,000 people in Russia, yet there are only seven million Russians that have joined the Communist Party. They have rebelled against Communism, but they are powerless. The Communists protect their dictatorship by great armies; they kill the people; there are secret police spying all the time. People in America cannot begin to imagine how ruthless the Communists are in their determination to rule the helpless peoples by the millions.

After World War II, we refugees in Western Germany hoped that the United Nations would free our little country of Latvia, as well as the other nations that have slipped behind the Iron Curtain. Our hope was in the United Nations. We believed that they would liberate our people, but today we know that they will not. The United Nations is a failure; Russia is using the United Nations for propaganda purposes. The United Nations will never bring about world peace. If it were not for the United States armies in Western Europe, all of

Europe would be behind the Iron Curtain now. The free people behind the Iron Curtain look toward the United States for liberation. There are twenty million people in slave labor camps behind the Iron Curtain that look not to the United Nations for freedom but to the United States.

Behind the Iron Curtain the real hope that is in everyone's heart is the second coming of Jesus Christ. Belief in the second coming of Christ, and possible liberation, is the only thing that keeps the people behind the Iron Curtain going.

I am convinced that the best way to defeat Communism until Jesus returns, is for Christian people of the United States to finance a missions project to get Bibles into the hands of people who have been deprived of religious freedom.

If the open Bible can invade the Iron Curtain, the Bible behind the Iron Curtain will revolutionize the world for Christians and defeat Communism.

**NOTE:**—For speaking engagements, write: Rev. Peter Knezha, P. O. Box 1636, Jacksonville, Fla.



The greatest enemy that the world, America and Christianity are facing today is ruthless, godless Russian Communism. We should know the facts about this dangerous evil that has enslaved hundreds of millions of people around the world and is threatening America today.



## Hear A Man With A Message

### PETER KNEZHA

American Latvian Gospel preacher  
and Lecturer.

Mr. Peter Knezha was born in the once FREE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA, which is under the heel of Soviet Russia. For many years he traveled in his own country with the message of Salvation until the treacherous Soviet invasion, when thousands of innocent people were arrested and deported to Siberia --- concentration and forced labor camps. With many other victims of the Soviets the Knezha's with their children, were forced to flee their native land.

Every patriotic American should hear this timely message of warning and information.

Don't miss this rare opportunity! The danger of Communism is real and it is "Later than you think".

As a Missionary who has gone through the Communist mill in Europe personally, his unique message is proving a blessing to many Gospel assemblies.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

# I FLED THE RED UTOPIA

By Rev. Peter Knezeha

I am a minister of the Gospel. My home is Latvia. For many years I served my people as a Pastor-Evangelist. Our churches grew and prospered, and souls were saved as I went about the nation preaching the Gospel of Christ. Then one day, without warning, the godless, atheistic Communists from Russia moved across our border and made it but another Communist satellite land. This is my story from the beginning.

On the northwest borders of Russia by the eastern shores of the beautiful Baltic Sea, with its silvery sand dunes and beautiful pines, lies the little country of Latvia. The people of Latvia belong to one of the most ancient and hardest branches of the Indo-European stock, and are a race to which sea-faring has been as pleasant a pursuit as to the Anglo-Saxons and the Scandinavians.

I was born in Latvia, on June 29, 1907. My father was a farmer. Latvia was a farming and dairy country. I was raised up in the shadow of my father on the farm, and spent the early days of my life as a farmer's helper.

Latvia is a beautiful country, full of hills and lakes. It is known throughout Europe for its beautiful scenery. For twenty-two years, Latvia lived as an independent state and was economically self-supporting. We did not have to borrow money from the rest of the nations of the world to finance our country and neither did we have a dispute with our neighbors. We were a little farming nation of two million people, desiring freedom, and at the same time willing to give other men the right to have

freedom and life.

After getting out of high school in Cesis, I attended Bible school where I trained as a Gospel preacher. Before entering Bible school, I was converted at the age of seventeen. My mother was as fine a Christian woman as I have ever known, and was an active member of the Lutheran Church. Until the time of my conversion at seventeen, I had never been in a Baptist church. The week I was converted, my local church was holding a revival meeting. This was the first time I had ever heard a man give a personal testimony of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. There was an aged evangelist, around seventy years old, preaching that week and his personal testimony of how God had directed his life touched my heart deeply. I well remember him that night quoting the scripture: "Today is the day of salvation." When he gave the invitation, I came from the last seat of the church to publicly accept Jesus as my personal Saviour. It was a glorious experience for a young man to find the Lord Jesus Christ. I was aware of the Light shining from Heaven into my heart, and God's peace surrounded me and made me very happy. The next day when I went back to my school class, I could not help but testify to my fellow students of the Love of Jesus Christ. I knew then that God wanted me some day to preach the Gospel full time. I felt his call in my heart from the night that I first tasted of His salvation. After this, my local pastor sent me to Bible school so that I might prepare to be an ordained minister of the Gospel.

After beginning my work as

full-time minister of the Gospel, I met my wife, who was also engaged in church mission work. She was a Latvian, like myself, and we fell in love and married. The Lord blessed us with four sons and a daughter. Two of my sons are now serving in the United States Army.

During the years that I was a traveling evangelist in Latvia, we were constantly afraid of Russia, our neighbor country, because we had observed Communism from the time it had overthrown the Russian Government in 1917. We knew it was ruthless and would stop at nothing to control the free peoples of the world, including our little nation of Latvia. Naturally, when Russia marched forward, the first country to fall would be our little country of Latvia. We were afraid of Russia because we knew that she would stop at nothing to grasp our people some day.

In 1939, Hitler was fast becoming the dictator of the world - most feared, most ruthless. That year he sent a representative to Moscow to make Russia its ally. Through a secret agreement between Russia and Germany, it was agreed to give Poland to Germany; and in turn, Russia would take the Baltic States, including Latvia. Our doom was sealed that day when Hitler and Stalin made their mutual agreement. We had nothing to do with it whatsoever. Two ruthless dictators, who hated God and good men, were determined to take the freedom of our little nation of two million Christian people.

On June 17, 1940, as the result of unprovoked military aggression, Latvia was occupied by Soviet Russia. It was midnight,

June 18, that the Russian army began to march into Latvia. Our border police were killed and the following day, millions of Russian soldiers with their tanks and highly trained personnel, overran our entire nation; and our nation fell in a day. Our president was exiled to Russia where he was later killed; our government officials were executed; many of our preachers were executed; thousands of our people were killed by the Communists as they marched into Latvia.

I well remember the day. I came out of my home early in the morning, and to my surprise the streets were filled with tanks and soldiers from Russia. I shall never forget the sight - old women crying, some afraid to come out of their houses, confusion reigning everywhere. With the Russian soldiers came Russian citizens to organize the people against the churches, religion, and our form of government.

The persecution of religion and of the church began in Latvia as soon as the Soviet regime was established on July 21, 1940. All churches and church property were nationalized by the Soviets. Many churches were transformed into atheistic museums, motion-picture theaters, and Red army clubs. Our largest Revival Tabernacle in Riga, the capital city of Latvia, was turned into a dance hall for Russian soldiers, where they could drink and sin with their harlot women.

But this did not stop the efforts of the people to worship God. They would meet together in the privacy of homes to pray to God for liberation. The Communist revolution, rather than destroying the faith of the people, merely increased their faith. People who had never come to church when we were a free republic, now wanted to come to our prayer groups to worship God and

beg his deliverance. Communist dominations caused a revival secretly in the hearts of the people.

After the Russian occupation, I was sentenced to a Russian labor camp in Latvia, where I was forced to work ten to twelve hours a day, erecting barracks for Russian soldiers. My relatives were sent into Siberia to work in coal mines. In July, 1941, the pact had been broken between Germany and Russia, so Hitler's army moved through Latvia, and destroyed the Russian army entrenched in my country. Thus, the Germans took over my nation and began a 4-year domination of Latvia. We had more religious freedom under the Germans than we did under the Russians. We were again permitted to preach and worship God. There was a shortage of food, because all the crops being farmed in Latvia were shipped into Germany to feed the soldiers of Hitler, engaged in war. Hitler was a bad man, but Stalin was one hundred times worse than Hitler.

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At the close of the day, my oldest son was looking out of the window of this country home and saw his father coming down the road. He ran and got my family together and they came and threw their arms around me and welcomed me. That was God's miracle! Here, my family that was dead, was alive! This, indeed, was a miracle to me, and one that I shall never forget all my life.

Our wanderings as displaced persons in the refugee camps of Western Germany constitutes a long, and perhaps uninteresting, story to my readers. There was hunger, cold, sickness and death. Food and help from churches saved many. However, by God's grace, I was permitted passage for my family, and in July, 1949, through American Christian sponsorship, we came to the United States under the program for Displaced Persons. I could not speak the English language; I could speak only Russian, Latvian and German. It was indeed difficult for me as a preacher in the United States, being unable to speak the language. We were poor, even when we arrived in this country. My family slept on the floor. We had no chairs in our apartment, until Christian people heard about us through a news story that appeared in a local paper and brought us furniture, clothing and assistance.

My first few years in the United States, I lectured to the American people and told them the truth about Communism, through the lips of my consecrated wife. She served as my interpreter until I learned the language. Now, thank God, I am able to go wherever I am invited

and tell the truth about Communism, and preach in the English language.

I am concerned about the American people's attitude toward Communism. They are not concerned enough; they do not really realize that Communism is our enemy, and will stop at nothing to destroy the free peoples of the world. Unless you have lived under Communism, you do not know Communism. Instead of Communism being a Utopia where every man has enough food and clothing, they steal from the people, and kill those that will not be slaves to their bidding. I know, I have seen Communism. Even the people behind the Iron Curtain, under the tyranny of Communism, do not believe in Communism. There are 185,000,000 people in Russia, yet there are only seven million Russians that have joined the Communist Party. They have rebelled against Communism, but they are powerless. The Communists protect their dictatorship by great armies; they kill the people; there are secret police spying all the time. People in America cannot begin to imagine how ruthless the Communists are in their determination to rule the helpless peoples by the millions.

After World War II, we refugees in Western Germany hoped that the United Nations would free our little country of Latvia, as well as the other nations that have slipped behind the Iron Curtain. Our hope was in the United Nations. We believed that they would liberate our people, but today we know that they will not. The United Nations is a failure; Russia is using the United Nations for propaganda purposes. The United Nations will never bring about world peace. If it were not for the United States armies in Western Europe, all of

Europe would be behind the Iron Curtain now. The free people behind the Iron Curtain look toward the United States for liberation. There are twenty million people in slave labor camps behind the Iron Curtain that look not to the United Nations for freedom but to the United States.

Behind the Iron Curtain the real hope that is in everyone's heart is the second coming of Jesus Christ. Belief in the second coming of Christ, and possible liberation, is the only thing that keeps the people behind the Iron Curtain going.

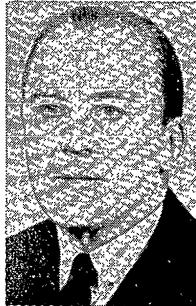
I am convinced that the best way to defeat Communism until Jesus returns, is for Christian people of the United States to finance a missions project to get Bibles into the hands of people who have been deprived of religious freedom.

If the open Bible can invade the Iron Curtain, the Bible behind the Iron Curtain will revolutionize the world for Christianity and defeat Communism.

NOTE:—For speaking engagements, write: Rev. Peter Knezha, P. O. Box 1636, Jacksonville, Fla.



The greatest enemy that the world, America and Christianity are facing today is ruthless, godless Russian Communism. We should know the facts about this dangerous evil that has enslaved hundreds of millions of people around the world and is threatening America today.



## Hear A Man With A Message

**PETER KNEZHA**

American Latvian Gospel preacher  
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Mr. Peter Knezha was born in the once FREE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA, which is under the heel of Soviet Russia. For many years he traveled in his own country with the message of Salvation until the treacherous Soviet invasion, when thousands of innocent people were arrested and deported to Siberia --- concentration and forced labor camps. With many other victims of the Soviets the Knezha's with their children, were forced to flee their native land.

Every patriotic American should hear this timely message of warning and information.

Don't miss this rare opportunity! The danger of Communism is real and it is "Later than you think".

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**GOD BLESS AMERICA !**

# I FLED THE RED UTOPIA

By Rev. Peter Knezha

I am a minister of the Gospel. My home is Latvia. For many years I served my people as a Pastor-Evangelist. Our churches grew and prospered, and souls were saved as I went about the nation preaching the Gospel of Christ. Then one day, without warning, the godless, atheistic Communists from Russia moved across our border and made it but another Communist satellite land... This is my story from the beginning.

On the northwest borders of Russia by the eastern shores of the beautiful Baltic Sea, with its silvery sand dunes and beautiful pines, lies the little country of Latvia. The people of Latvia belong to one of the most ancient and hardest branches of the Indo-European stock, and are a race to which sea-faring has been as pleasant a pursuit as to the Anglo-Saxons and the Scandinavians.

I was born in Latvia, on June 29, 1907. My father was a farmer. Latvia was a farming and dairy country. I was raised up in the shadow of my father on the farm and spent the early days of my life as a farmer's helper.

Latvia is a beautiful country, full of hills and lakes. It is known throughout Europe for its beautiful scenery. For twenty-two years, Latvia lived as an independent state and was economically self-supporting. We did not have to borrow money from the rest of the nations of the world to finance our country and neither did we have a dispute with our neighbors. We were a little farming nation of two million people, desiring freedom, and at the same time willing to give other men the right to have

freedom and life.

After getting out of high school in Cesis, I attended Bible school where I trained as a Gospel preacher. Before entering Bible school, I was converted at the age of seventeen. My mother was as fine a Christian woman as I have ever known, and was an active member of the Lutheran Church. Until the time of my conversion at seventeen, I had never been in a Baptist church. The week I was converted, my local church was holding a revival meeting. This was the first time I had ever heard a man give a personal testimony of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. There was an aged evangelist, around seventy years old, preaching that week and his personal testimony of how God had directed his life touched my heart deeply. I well remember him that night quoting the scripture: "Today is the day of salvation." When he gave the invitation, I came from the last seat of the church to publicly accept Jesus as my personal Saviour. It was a glorious experience for a young man to find the Lord Jesus Christ. I was aware of the Light shining from Heaven into my heart, and God's peace surrounded me and made me very happy.

The next day when I went back to my school class, I could not help but testify to my fellow students of the Love of Jesus Christ. I knew then that God wanted me some day to preach the Gospel full time. I felt his call in my heart from the night that I first tasted of His salvation. After this, my local pastor sent me to Bible school so that I might prepare to be an ordained minister of the Gospel.

After beginning my work as

full-time minister of the Gospel, I met my wife, who was also engaged in church mission work. She was a Latvian, like myself, and we fell in love and married. The Lord blessed us with four sons and a daughter. Two of my sons are now serving in the United States Army.

During the years that I was a traveling evangelist in Latvia, we were constantly afraid of Russia, our neighbor country, because we had observed Communism from the time it had overthrown the Russian Government in 1917. We knew it was ruthless and would stop at nothing to control the free peoples of the world, including our little nation of Latvia. Naturally, when Russia marched forward, the first country to fall would be our little country of Latvia. We were afraid of Russia because we knew that she would stop at nothing to grasp our people some day.

In 1939, Hitler was fast becoming the dictator of the world - most feared, most ruthless. That year he sent a representative to Moscow to make Russia its ally. Through a secret agreement between Russia and Germany, it was agreed to give Poland to Germany; and in turn, Russia would take the Baltic States, including Latvia. Our doom was sealed that day when Hitler and Stalin made their mutual agreement. We had nothing to do with it whatsoever. Two ruthless dictators, who hated God and good men, were determined to take the freedom of our little nation of two million Christian people.

On June 17, 1940, as the result of unprovoked military aggression, Latvia was occupied by Soviet Russia. It was midnight,

June 16, that the Russian army began to march into Latvia. Our border police were killed and the following day, millions of Russian soldiers with their tanks and highly trained personnel, overran our entire nation; and our nation fell in a day. Our president was exiled to Russia where he was later killed; our government officials were executed; many of our preachers were executed; thousands of our people were killed by the Communists as they marched into Latvia.

I well remember the day. I came out of my home early in the morning, and to my surprise the streets were filled with tanks and soldiers from Russia. I shall never forget the sight - old women crying, some afraid to come out of their houses, confusion reigning everywhere. With the Russian soldiers came Russian citizens to organize the people against the churches, religion, and our form of government.

The persecution of religion and of the church began in Latvia as soon as the Soviet regime was established on July 21, 1940. All churches and church property were nationalized by the Soviets. Many churches were transformed into atheist museums, motion-picture theaters, and Red army clubs. Our largest Revival Tabernacle in Riga, the capital city of Latvia, was turned into a dance hall for Russian soldiers, where they could drink and sin with their harlot women.

But this did not stop the efforts of the people to worship God. They would meet together in the privacy of homes to pray to God for liberation. The Communist revolution, rather than destroying the faith of the people, merely increased their faith. People who had never come to church when we were a free republic, now wanted to come to our prayer groups to worship God and

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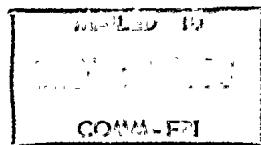
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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of May 19, 1958, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write to me in this regard is indeed appreciated.

It was most thoughtful of you to comment as you did concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," and your observations in this connection are most encouraging. I earnestly hope that this book will reach the majority of our citizens and that it may serve to enlighten them regarding the constant peril of communism which threatens our American way of life.

Thank you for the interesting suggestions which you proposed.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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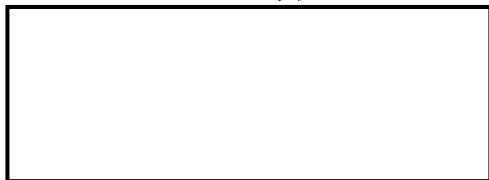
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On your next printing you could misspell an undisclosed number of words in various parts of the book and offer a prize for high school seniors, or those under twenty-one, who are able to locate those words.

Yours truly,

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please accept my thanks for the autographed  
copy of "Masters of Deceit."

This book that is attracting so much news-  
paper comment and congressional conversation  
will be read with interest.

Your gift is valued and appreciated.

Very sincerely,

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*Paul D. Foote*  
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*cc: Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. [redacted]  
2072 The Alameda  
San Jose 26, California

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Your favorable remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," are most encouraging and I am indeed grateful for your generous comments relative to my activities as Director of the FEL. Thank you for your kind best wishes.

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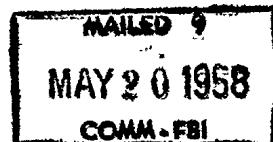
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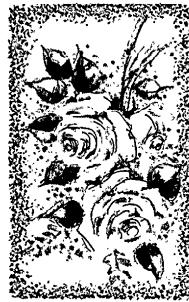
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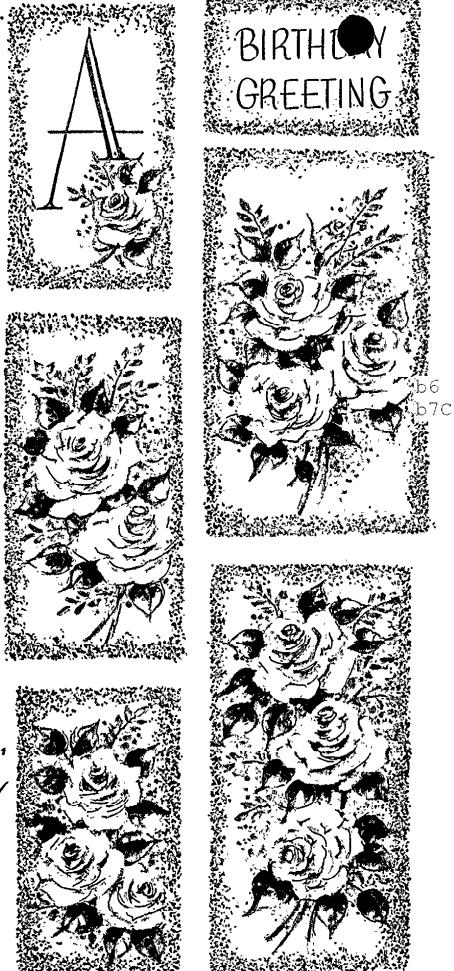
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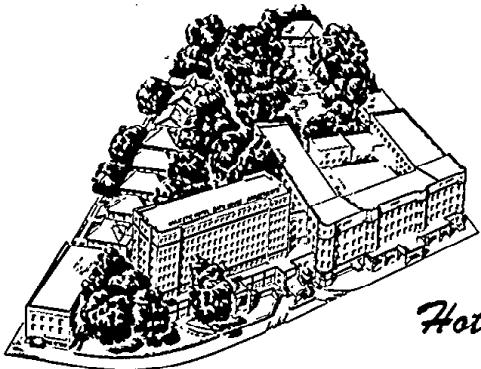
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I have advised Admiral Charles M. Cooke who wanted to make an appointment to see you this afternoon or tomorrow that you were out of the building in conferences and would be tied up all afternoon; also that you expected to leave town in the morning; Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ and that you had asked me to express regrets that you would be unable to see him on this occasion.

Admiral Cooke advised he thoroughly understood.

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[redacted] at Columbia University, had wanted to see the Director on a matter and, in view of the fact that he could not see the Director, [redacted] would like to see someone else this afternoon. Arrangements were made for [redacted] to come to the reception room and he will see Mr. Wick in Mr. Nease's office upon his arrival.

Admiral Cooke stated he had wanted to see the Director in regard to the Director's book as he was very vitally interested in getting as much publicity concerning it as possible. He stated he was working for Senator Knowland in California and that he had bought several copies of the book and given them to friends but was

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wondering whether or not a paper-bound edition would be printed. I told him this was something he might wish to discuss with the publisher.

Admiral Cooke stated he planned to talk to Al Kohlberg in New York further in regard to the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," for which Admiral Cooke was full of praise.

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

2:50PM May 19, 1958

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ADMIRAL CHARLES M. COOKE,  
 former Chief of Staff under Admiral  
 King during the war, and who now  
 lives in Sonoma Valley, California,  
 telephoned for the Director.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clayton \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Admiral Cooke was advised of the  
 Director's absence from the office, at which point  
 he stated he was in town today and tomorrow and would  
 like to pay his respects to the Director. He stated he  
 was a good friend of [redacted] who also lives  
 in Sonoma Valley, and that [redacted] had lent him  
 a copy of the Director's book, which the Director had  
 autographed to [redacted] and that he was presently  
 reading it. Admiral Cooke stated that if the Director's  
 schedule permitted an appointment, he would like to  
 bring along a [redacted]

[redacted] Columbia University, who was with him  
 today and would be leaving town tonight. If the  
 Director was unable to see them today, the Admiral  
 would still like to arrange an appointment for himself  
 for tomorrow, May 20.

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 He was advised the Director would be advised of  
 his request and he would be advised. He is staying at  
 the Washington Hotel, ME 8-5900, extension 520.

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*I will be leaving  
 New York.*

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May 23, 1958

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Mr. [redacted]  
Bond Hotel  
127 Chambers Street  
New York 7, New York

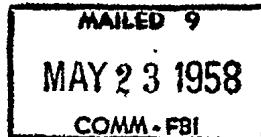
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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of May 10, 1958, has been received, and I sincerely appreciate your generous remarks concerning "Masters of Deceit." I am glad to know that the book met with your approval, and I am grateful for your kindness in this regard.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bond Hotel  
127 Chambers Street  
New York 7,  
New York

May 19, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I read in the New York Journal American the selections published there from your book Masters of Deceit. Your down-to-earth, straightforward, human approach to the Communist conspiracy is excellent. I like it that you write in such human terms: about what miserable human beings the Communists are; and also that each one of them has it in himself to become decent again.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,



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23 MAY 27 1958

EX-135

CRIME REPO

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May 23, 1958

Mr. [redacted]  
40 Beaver Street  
Salem, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Mr. Guy Hottel has requested that I autograph  
a copy of Don Whitehead's "The FBI Story" and a copy of my  
book, "Masters of Deceit," to you. It is a pleasure to comply,  
and I am forwarding them to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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May 19, 1958

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Mr. [redacted]

Woburn Degreasing Company  
Woburn, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of May 12, 1958, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write to me in this regard is certainly appreciated.

It was most thoughtful of you to write as you did concerning "Masters of Deceit," and your comments in this connection are extremely encouraging. Thank you also for your very generous remarks concerning the activities of the FBI and my administration of its affairs. In the event you should come to Washington we would be very glad to have you visit our headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

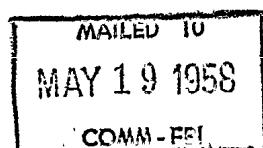
J. Edgar Hoover

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J. E. H.

There are numerous references on [redacted]  
and [redacted] in Bureau files and unable to  
identify with writer of this letter. However, there is  
one reference [redacted]

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in the states of New Hampshire and Vermont. Furthermore,<sup>b6</sup>  
in the General Crime Survey, Boston Division,<sup>b7C</sup>  
dated 5/5/60, it is stated that in the January elections,

[redacted] who had  
been Commissioner of Public Safety [redacted] was  
defeated by State Representative [redacted] Prior  
to election, rumors were widespread that [redacted] was  
being supported financially by the gambling element in  
Boston and Revere, in addition to local gamblers;  
however, no evidence substantiating this. It is not  
known whether the [redacted] mentioned above is  
identical with the writer of this letter.



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Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

May 12, 1958

Mr. Hoover  
Division of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just finished reading your book  
"Masters of Deceit" and unless I write and tell you I  
read same, you would never know.

I sincerely hope millions of other Americans will read this book and I, for one, am very thankful to have you in this very great Bureau to protect us from the greatest menace of all times.

This country and its people should thank the kind Lord every day for the wonderful service rendered by the F. B. I.

Incidentally, "Masters of Deceit" is a fine name for this book but their is something that rhymes with Masters which you probably know what I mean. That is the best I have to say about Communism and their followers. Several months from now I expect to be in Washington and I would like to have the very great pleasure of visiting your famous Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

WOBURN DEGREASING COMPANY

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MAY 14 1958

CRIME REC.

ALL AGREEMENTS CONTINGENT UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS AND OTHER CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

NO CARD NUMBER TO TELE. REC. 5/14/58 P.M.

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5/14/58  
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[redacted]  
2590 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 6, OHIO

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
  
*[Handwritten signature]*

May 15, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I bought your book, "Masters of Deceit", but after reading it, to say that I was shocked and disappointed, hardly expresses it! So you are afraid of the Jews, too! Most of the Communists are Jews and you know it!!

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The Jews financed our wars because they control the money, as well as television, movies, radio, and many of the important newspapers. They are buying more periodicals all the time.

Theodore Roosevelt in 1917 knew what a sly fellow Felix Frankfurter is and now he is on our Supreme Court. I just hope that the American people wake up before it is too late.

*[Signature]*  
From a former admirer.

REG-67  
(Mrs. [redacted])  
5/30/58

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*Jones to J. and J. 5/30/58*  
C.B.F.

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REC-78

May 26, 1958

Miss [redacted]  
Post Office Box 5  
Crossett, Arkansas

Dear Miss [redacted]

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of May 18, 1958, and your generous remarks concerning the review of "Masters of Deceit" which you mentioned are indeed appreciated.

In response to your request, you may secure a copy of the book by contacting the publisher, Henry Holt and Company, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

I am glad to be of service in this regard, and I am grateful for your favorable comments.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MAY 26 1958

COMM-FBI

1 - Mr. G. E. Malmfeldt Room 4241

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles on basis of data available.

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REC'D-READING ROOM

May 26 1958

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P. O. Box 5  
Crossett, Arkansas  
May 18, 1958

J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I read the preview of your book  
Masters of Deceit in the March 31 issue of Time.  
It was very good.

I live in a very small town and am unable  
to find a copy of the book. I would like very much  
to have a copy because I am very much interested in  
the movement of communism. I feel that there is  
only one thing wrong with it - It won't work!

I am very much interested in the government  
of our country. I have especially admired you for  
a long time. When I graduate from college I plan  
to enter into politics.

I would appreciate it very much if you  
would tell me where I could write to to obtain a  
copy of Masters of Deceit.

Yours truly,

/s/

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Crescent, Arkansas  
May 18, 1958

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of Deceit.

Wm. Treadon



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May 22, 1958

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked May 16, 1958, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your interest in forwarding me the clipping from your local newspaper.

I am grateful for your thoughtfulness and for your good words regarding the FBI and my administration of its activities. I can assure you that the source of the information you furnished will be kept in confidence as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

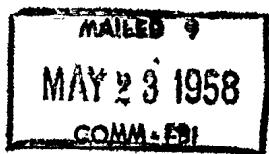
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mrs. [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles. In view of her request, the confidential return address is being utilized. The individual, [redacted], was not identifiable in Bufiles on basis of data available.

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Nease
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Clayton
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed item appeared in our evening paper of May 14, 1958.

I am indeed deeply touched to think a letter such as this to the mail bag of our daily paper could possibly be printed during these trying times.

I am signing this note but would greatly appreciate it if you would keep this confidential where I am concerned.

I went [redacted] and I feel I know their thinking.

I have no idea who this man is that signs his name Fritz Hohenauer, but I am sure you will be able to find out.

I appreciate the wonderful work you are doing to keep this country safe and I will do all in my power to sing your praises.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs.) [redacted]

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MASTERS OF DECEIT  
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Washington D.C.

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1415 Seminole Ave

I have no idea who this man is that signs his name Fritz Hohenauer, but I am sure you will be able to find out.

I appreciate the wonderful work you are doing to keep this country safe and I will do all in my power to sing your praises

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Yours sincerely,

(Mrs)



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Sir: After reading those 28 installments in the Dispatch from J. Edgar Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit," I am disillusioned to the point where I don't know if I am a Communist or just a displaced Democrat. The line between the two seems a little thin.

No mention was made of the fact that the United States was the greatest collaborator and fellow-traveler of communism in the world to the tune of 11 billion dollars World War II lend-lease and that ain't hay even in these inflated times.

If Mr. Hoover has any inclination to write another book, may I suggest he call it "The Deceived Masters" thereby getting a few others in the act beside the "poor commies."

St. Paul. FRITZ HOHNAUER.

*St. Paul Dispatch  
May - 14 - 1958*

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St. Paul Dispatch

May 14, 1958

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ENCLOSURE

May 26, 1958

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REC-69.

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
408 High Street  
Salem, Virginia

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

I am greatly encouraged by your thoughtful letter of May 20, 1958, concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

It is good to know that you enjoyed reading it, and you may be sure that I am most appreciative of your kindness. I feel that communism should be recognized and understood by all public-spirited citizens for what it really is--an atheistic threat to the American way of life and the freedoms which we too often take for granted. Thank you very much for writing as you did.

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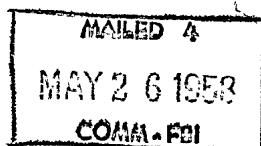
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mrs. [REDACTED] and her husband are not identifiable in Bufiles

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10 JUN 3 1958  
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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
18-1/2 East Main Street  
Salem, Virginia

408 High Street  
Salem, Virginia  
May 20, 1958

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Beaurur Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please let me take a moment of your time to tell you how much benefit I derived from reading your book, "Masters of Deceit."

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You have done a wonderful thing for our American people by letting us all know exactly what the Communist personality is, and how the Communist party is working to undermine our Christian religion and our country.

Speaking for myself, and probably many others are as apathetic as I was, I now feel that there are things that I can do, and that my acquaintences, family, and friends can do, to help meet, and be aware of, the Communist threat to our American way of life. I intend to urge everyone I know to read your book.

Thank you for writing such a fine and inspiring book.

Sincerely,

/s/

[REDACTED]  
(Mrs. [REDACTED])

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104 EAST MAIN STREET  
SALEM, VIRGINIA

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as I was, I now feel that there are  
things that I can do, and that my 723  
acquaintances, family, and friends can  
do to help meet and be against the  
Communist Party.

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Thank you for writing such a fine and inspiring book.

Sincerely,

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(Mrs.) [Redacted]

REC-95

704 May 26, 1958

[REDACTED]  
120 Church Street  
Naugatuck, Connecticut

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 21, 1958, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write to me in this regard is certainly appreciated.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did concerning "Masters of Deceit," and your gracious congratulations are indeed gratifying.

I am most appreciative of your generous observations concerning my efforts to call attention to the communist peril, and I earnestly hope that my book will serve to alert great numbers of our citizens to this constant threat to our way of life.

Thank you for your kind best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAY 26 1958  
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NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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May 21, 1958

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I've just completed reading your excellent book "Masters of Deceit."

The Communist ideology is almost unbelievable. I feel sorry for those who are trapped in their system.

You are to be congratulated for putting before the American People this excellent presentation of Communism. Let's hope not too many more people will get trapped into this evil system.

I hope too that many, many Americans will read your book; I will certainly encourage my friends to do so.

God speed and blessings on your important work.

Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted]

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120 CHURCH STREET NAUGATUCK, CONN.  
PARK 9-1774

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Glanton \_\_\_\_\_  
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SAC [initials]

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Sincerely,

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RECEIVED - DIRECTOR JONES



# State of Colorado

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DENVER

STEVE McNICHOLS,  
GOVERNOR

May 19, 1958

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Clayton  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
4936 30th Place  
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I'd like to thank you for sending me a copy  
of your latest book entitled "Masters of Deceit,"

I appreciate this courtesy and I am sure  
your book will be most interesting and informative.

Sincerely,

*Steve McNichols*

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cc-Henry Holt

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: 5-21-58

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS *KLG  
JWM*SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR TO AUTOGRAPH  
"MASTERS OF DECEIT" FOR COMMANDER  

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Commander [redacted] an Ophthalmologist at the Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, has inquired about the possibility of the Director autographing his copy of "Masters of Deceit," for his father. Commander [redacted] intends to give the book to his father Dr. [redacted] a civilian physician, for his birthday (Date Unknown). There are no references in Bufiles identifiable with Commander [redacted] or his father. Commander [redacted] did not express a desire as to how the book should be inscribed although he did indicate it would be satisfactory to address his father as Dr. [redacted]

Commander [redacted] is one of the eye specialists assigned to the Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat Clinic at the hospital and has been very co-operative toward the Bureau particularly in expediting our agents who are referred to the clinic during their annual physical examination.

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b7CRECOMMENDATION:

That this memo and the attached book be forwarded to Crime Records for handling and that afterwards it be returned to the Physical Examination Unit for delivery to Commander [redacted]

1 - H. L. Edwards  
 1 - M. A. Jones  
 1 - R. W. Bannon

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THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BALTIMORE 1, MD.

[REDACTED]  
ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT

*M.H.*

May 22, 1958

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Clayton	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am very grateful and most appreciative of your kindness in personally autographing a copy of your excellent, revealing book, "Masters of Deceit," to my son.

[REDACTED] has been most anxious to obtain a copy, and I know he will be mighty surprised and pleased to find that you have autographed it.

For myself, as well as [REDACTED], sincere thanks for taking the time from your always busy schedule to do this kindness.

Continued good luck to you and your splendid organization!

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Sincerely

(2) 104217-907

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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*J. E. H.*  
*file*

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May 23, 1958

EX-102

Mr. [REDACTED]  
505 Jackson Avenue  
Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your kind letter of May 19, 1958, has been received,  
and I am most grateful for your generous remarks concerning  
"Masters of Deceit." May I also thank you for your suggestion in  
connection with a television series.

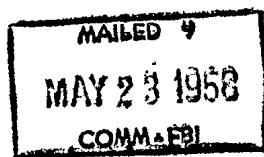
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 19, 1958

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I wish to express appreciation for your excellent book, "Masters of Deceit", and join all the others who have urged you to put this warning in the form of a T-V series.

As you well know, the T-V is now the medium of mass communication. Only a small percentage of people read books. Even the T-V is snapped off if the program is not well punctuated with pistol cracks and the thud of fists. It is a degrading situation, but at least some intelligence can be injected in the quiet intervals.

T-V writers are scraping the bottom of the barrel for situations. The Communist conspiracy and the FBI counteraction is a rich and untapped lode for an action-packed series that could thrill the kids at an impressionable age, and at the same time give them some appreciation of real democracy.

I am not a T-V addict. Possibly something like this has been done in the past. If not, it's worth thinking about.

Yours respectfully,



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May 26, 1958

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EX-123

Mr. [redacted]  
1527 East 15th Street  
Tulsa 26, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of May 19, 1958, with enclosure, and the interest which prompted you to write to me is appreciated.

It was most thoughtful of you to comment as you did concerning "Masters of Deceit," and your observations in this regard are most encouraging.

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Your thoughtfulness in enclosing the article which you wrote concerning the role of Christianity in combating communism is truly appreciated, and I earnestly hope that my book may serve to enlighten many of our citizens in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Files reflect no derogatory information concerning Mr. [redacted] who addressed correspondence to the Director on 1 previous occasion in February, 1958.

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Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

Tulsa,  
Okla.

May 19 1958.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of F.B.I.

Dear sir, have just finished reading your wonderful book on communism. Masters of Deceit. and must say that is a Master piece.

Coming from a man in your position we know that it is authentic.

You are to be commended for your work in the F.B.I. and your book and other articles.

I told a friend of mine I thought you were the most valuable man in Washington D.C.

We need a whole army of men like you and Billy Graham. To protect our Country from Communism.

For they are gaining ground all over the world at an alarming rate of speed.

Am enclosing an article that I wrote for my church paper, that fits in pretty well with your warning on communism.

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I still think God is the answer.

Yours truly, [REDACTED]

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FBI - MEMPHIS

~~X~~ GOD IS THE ANSWER

We in America are very much concerned about communism. Our government has spent untold billions of dollars combatting communism to no avail. Christianity is the greatest enemy of communism and about the only force the communists fear.

If every church member would tithe and help send the gospel of Christ around the world, this would be the hardest blow the forces of Christ could strike against communism. It is God's will that every one of his followers pay their tithe into His storehouse to help promote His Kingdom.

Christ once said, "Give and it shall be given unto you good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over." ..... "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there might be meat in mine house." The Bible certainly stresses tithing, and if we all tithed, we would have enough money to send more missionaries into the remote places of the world to build churches and schools, and there children could be reared and taught the Christian way of life.

We Christians owe a debt to Christ we will never be able to pay. Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe. Yes, Jesus paid it all, but He doesn't ask us to pay it all. He asks us to pay just one tenth.

[Redacted]  
1527 East 15th Street  
Tulsa 20, Oklahoma

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TRUE COPY

Tulsa Okla.

May 19 1958.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of F.B.I.

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I still think God is the answer.

Yours truly

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[Redacted]  
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Tulsa, Okla.

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May 22, 1958

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Honorable Charles C. Finucane  
4000 Cathedral Avenue  
Washington 16, D. C.

My dear Mr. Finucane:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter of May 16, 1958.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to know that "Masters of Deceit" was so well received by you, and I am deeply grateful for your generous remarks. Coming from an outstanding public servant such as you, your comments are doubly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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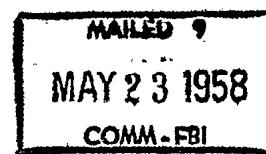
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CHARLES C. FINUCANE  
4000 CATHEDRAL AVENUE  
WASHINGTON 16, D. C.  
May 16, 1958

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Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Clayton  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

The Honorable  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was very pleased yesterday to receive an autographed copy of your brilliant new book, "Masters of Deceit."

I read it with great interest and find it to be the most lucid and understandable analysis of the problem that has yet come to my attention. It is a book that should be read and used by every American and I note with great pleasure that it is rapidly arriving at the best-seller level.

My congratulations to you and again my thanks for remembering me with this very excellent volume.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles Finucane* E

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: May 21, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "MASTER OF DECEIT"

BOOK REVIEW OF "MASTERS OF DECEIT" BY  
 ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, MAY, 1958, ISSUE OF  
 "POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

SYNOPSIS:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 DATE 11/11/93 BY SP6 BY SP6 COM 209405

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Elizabeth Gurley Flynn is a member of National Committee of Communist Party, USA, and old-time communist leader. Her review in "Political Affairs," Party's theoretical monthly magazine, is scathing attack against the FBI and the Director personally. Practically all of review devoted to digging up old and false charges against the Director and the Bureau. "Masters of Deceit" mentioned in general terms only. No attempt made to refute specific facts in book. Flynn calls it "a dull and superficial book, parroting all the distortions, exaggerations, and misrepresentations of the last forty years." Says based on hatred and prejudice; is hodge-podge of slander, gossip, hearsay statements by informers and downright lies. "How can one dignify it with a reply?" Director attacked as undisputed Czar of FBI, a master of self-adulation, an exemplar of the 'cult of the individual,' politically illiterate, conceited, and as man who has used almost unlimited power for repression of Bill of Rights. Flynn says Director incapable of fair and objective opinion of any radical group and that his entire career has been based on "witch-hunting." She devotes much of space to Director's early career in Department of Justice, saying he did not solve the bomb plots of 1919-1920; that he cannot evade responsibility for the Palmer Raids; that he helped promote illegal investigative techniques. "War on radicalism has been Hoover's preoccupation for four decades. It has caused the FBI to commit excesses rebuked by courts and investigated by Congress. But all to no avail. He remains a law unto himself." FBI claims to be interested in Negro, but such a claim Flynn says is false. The FBI has done nothing to help Negroes in the South to vote or to enforce the Supreme Court decisions outlawing segregation in schools, etc. "The FBI is conspicuously absent from every situation involving an invasion of the rights and freedom of the Negro people." Say when she was in Alderson Federal Women's Prison (for violation of Smith Act) she saw many young offenders convicted under the Dyer Act for "joy riding." Youngsters were being affected by this terrible environment. Blames this on FBI; that other Government Bureaus feel such cases should be handled locally. "It is a tragic thing to see the change for the worse take place in these children - so that Mr. Hoover can pose as an authority on juvenile delinquency." Claims she knows hundreds of people who have been harassed by FBI. Concludes by saying that it is

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(Jones to Nease Memo)

time to expose the Director as a fraud; that book title is a misnomer as applied to the communists; that a fitting biography of the Director will some day be written and should be titled "Master of Deceit and Conceit"; that some day FBI's files will be opened and undoubtedly will reveal "rubbish fit only for the incinerator. Meantime this book is grist to the mill of the next request for increased appropriations to Mr. Hoover."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

*[Handwritten signatures]*

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DETAILS:

The May, 1958, issue of "Political Affairs," the Party's theoretical monthly, carries a review of "Masters of Deceit" by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Flynn is well known as an old-time communist leader and is presently a member of the Party's National Committee.

General Observations

The review, as is to be expected, is a scathing attack on the book, the FBI and the Director personally. Practically all of the review is devoted to digging up old and false charges against the Director and the FBI and very little is said about the book. In fact, when the book is mentioned it is in general terms. No attempt is made to refute the facts in the book. Rather, Flynn's approach is to dismiss the book as a tissue of falsehoods. She says: "To answer this tirade would be to dignify deliberate fabrication."

The general theme of the review is that the Director is a law to himself, that he and the FBI for years have been violating civil rights in the United States and that the book is only another attempt by Mr. Hoover to gain additional appropriations from the Congress. The Director and the FBI are accused of being "Red-baiters," enemies of the foreign born and of always trying to create a "Red Menace." On the other hand, according to Flynn, the real fight for American ideals has been waged by the Communist Party: "I refer every honest American to the real history of the Communist Party in the past 38 years... It is because we have challenged the reactionary purposes and immoral methods of Hoover and the F. B. I. during all these years that we have won his hatred."

Flynn's Comments About "Masters Of Deceit"

As mentioned, Flynn's review virtually omits any specific discussion of the contents of "Masters of Deceit." She attacks the book in general terms. For example:

"This is the background for 'Masters of Deceit.' It is a dull and superficial book, parroting all the distortions, exaggerations and misrepresentations of the last forty years. It is based on such a deep-seated hatred and prejudice that it is akin to vile stories peddled by unscrupulous anti-Catholics against nuns and priests, or those of anti-Semites who proclaim the forged Protocols of Zion. It is a rehash of every canard, hoax and legend, plus every stereotyped charge either rejected in our trials or thrown out later by the Supreme Court.

"Much of this book is ridiculous, although some of it unfortunately follows the line of people who have recently resigned from the Party. The chapter called 'This Is the Party,' is a travesty.

"Nothing the Party does is good, nothing it does is right; all in the Party are slaves or dupes; tyrants and bureaucrats; traitors to their country, potential spies, agents of Moscow, etc., ad nauseum. All Communists conform to a pattern with J. Edgar Hoover. 'Ruthless' is the word. Marx was 'egotistical, crafty, stubborn.' Lenin was 'utterly cynical.' Foster is 'a miniature Hitler.' 'Russian control' is the chorus to every verse. Co-existence must be the bane of Hoover's existence. How could he live without a Red Menace?"

In another place, Flynn characterizes the book as follows: "In reviewing this book I feel like simply saying: 'Any resemblance to the Communist Party or any of its members, alive or dead, is purely coincidental' and let it go at that. It is a hodge-podge of slander, gossip, hearsay statements by informers, and downright lies. How can one dignify it with a reply?"

#### Special Points of Criticism Against Director and FBI

As mentioned above, Flynn's review consists almost exclusively of charges against the FBI's operations in the past and the Director personally. The charges may be summarized as follows:

1. The Director "is today the undisputed Czar of the FBI, a master of self-adulation, who continually publicizes himself on the radio, in the press and magazines, speaks to women's clubs, graduating classes, business men, the Legion, etc. If ever there was a shining example of the 'cult of the individual,' it is exemplified in this politically illiterate and conceited man, who has used almost unlimited power for the attempted repression of the Bill of Rights."
2. The Director is incapable of a fair and objective opinion on any radical group. He was a professional "Red-hunter" even before there was a Communist Party. As a youth he worked in the Library of Congress where he became familiar with card index systems, no doubt later helpful to him in establishing dossiers on millions of Americans, from Presidents to dog catchers.
3. The Director in 1919 became head of the General Intelligence Division in the Department of Justice. This was his start. He still remains head of his personal police, refusing even to allow it to be placed under Civil Service. A mantle of secrecy surrounds the work of the FBI. "Only after a recent Supreme Court decision did the FBI, faced with the charge of perjury, reluctantly admit that there were tape recordings of Louis Budenz' first conversations with them in 1945, which they had previously denied even to government lawyers. War on radicalism

has been Hoover's preoccupation for four decades. It has caused the FBI to commit excesses rebuked by courts and investigated by Congress. But all to no avail. He remains a law unto himself."

4. The Director is inept at dealing with real crime. He didn't solve the 1919-1920 bomb plots. He blamed them on the I. W. W. and others and used the scare to secure more funds. Before there were communists, Mr. Hoover's targets in crushing dissent were Socialists, anarchists, I. W. W.'s and conscientious objectors.

5. The Bureau's present illegal and unethical techniques, such as the use of informants, wiretapping, opening of mail, seizing of libraries, causing people to be fired, night raids, etc. were started in these early days. Radicals were lynched in those days, but you never heard of an FBI investigation of such incidents. "Why should they investigate acts which their own organization encouraged?"

6. Try as he will, the Director cannot evade responsibility for the Palmer Raids. He secured the ship, Buford, and personally supervised its departure in 1919. Families were torn apart. These excesses were later denounced by prominent attorneys. Nor can Mr. Hoover evade responsibility for the tragic fate of Andrea Salsadeo, an anarchist printer, who was held for eight weeks in 1920 without a warrant in the Bureau's offices in New York. His crushed body was found one day on the pavement below. His companion prisoner was immediately deported before reporters could question him. Also there was the state raid instigated by the Bureau in 1922 against the Communist Party convention in Michigan; also Flynn said she could cite the aid given to the state of Massachusetts in the Sacco and Vanzetti case, though two agents who attended the trial later admitted that they were convinced of the defendants' innocence.

7. Mr. Hoover in the book asserts that Communist Party has been an agency for espionage and sabotage since 1919. How can this be reconciled with his report in 1924 to Assistant Attorney General Donovan to the effect that the activities of communists and other ultra-radicals have not up to the present time constituted a violation of Federal laws, and hence the Department, theoretically, had no right to investigate such activities. In 1940 a Senate Committee heard charges against FBI illegal behavior in the Spanish Loyalist arrests in Detroit and Milwaukee.

8. The Director says that he is greatly concerned to protect the Negro people from communism. In the early days the Bureau worked against the true interests of Negroes. It spied on people who worked for equal rights for the Negro. In 1941 Negro organizations called to the attention of Congress that Mr. Hoover had never hired a single Negro as an FBI Agent. Far more important, the FBI has never done anything to help Negroes to vote in the South or to enforce the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in schools, busses, etc. "The FBI is conspicuously absent from every situation involving an invasion of the rights and freedom of the Negro people. I know of no instance of a single arrest or prosecution originated with an F.B.I. investigation of mob action or illegal denial of rights to Negro people."

9. Flynn mentions that when she was in Alderson Federal Women's Prison (for violation of the Smith Act) she met many juvenile offenders who were the victims of an over-zealous FBI in enforcing the Dyer Act against youthful "joy riders." Mr. Bennett, head of the Bureau of Prisons, has repeatedly objected to these young offenders being sent to Federal institutions. Congressman Dyer protested against the law being used this way rather than against adult criminals. Other Government Bureaus, except the FBI, feel that such cases should be handled locally. These youngsters in prison are exposed to immoral influences. It is tragic to see such a situation, so that Mr. Hoover can pose as an authority on juvenile delinquency.

10. From personal experience, Flynn says she knows literally hundreds of people who have been harassed by the FBI. FBI snoopers sift garbage, spy on the family affairs of Senators, arrest children but have been unsuccessful in tracing down the top 100 gangsters of the country. Surely it is time to expose Mr. Hoover: "surely it is time for him to be exposed as an incompetent fraud. His bureau spends millions every year, his army increases and so does crime. He is so busy witch-hunting, that the F. B. I. with all its facilities actually contributes approximately only 1 per cent of all criminal arrests and convictions in the U. S. A. "

11. The book's title is a misnomer, as applied to the Communist Party. Actually Master of Deceit and Conceit would be a fitting title for a biography of the Director. It will be yet written. Some day the files of the FBI will be opened and will undoubtedly reveal rubbish fit only for the incinerator. "Meantime this book is grist to the mill of the next request for increased appropriations to Mr. Hoover."

A copy of the Flynn review is attached.

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## Book Review

### MASTER OF DECEIT

*Masters of Deceit: The Story of Communism in America and How to Fight It,*  
by J. Edgar Hoover (Holt, N. Y., 374 pp. \$5.00).

In reviewing this book I feel like simply saying: "Any resemblance to the Communist Party or any of its members, alive or dead, is purely coincidental," and let it go at that. It is a hodge-podge of slander, gossip, hearsay statements by informers, and downright lies. How can one dignify it with a reply? This mess is buttressed by a sly suggestion that the author is, of course, not revealing "a body of material known exclusively to the F.B.I."—a stock in trade of Hoover over the years. J. Edgar Hoover is today the undisputed Czar of the F.B.I., a master of self-adulation, who continually publicizes himself on the radio, in the press and magazines, speaks to women's clubs, graduating classes, business men, the Legion, etc. If ever there was a shining example of the "cult of the individual," it is exemplified in this politically illiterate and conceited man, who has used almost unlimited power for the attempted repression of the Bill of Rights.

He claims to be the outstanding expert on the American Communists since 1919. I have known the Communists even longer, going back several years before the founding of the Party, when many were in the Left-wing of the Socialist Party. I have also known the words and deeds of J. Edgar Hoover for the past four decades. He is incapable of a fair and objective opinion on any radical group of the entire period. He was a professional Red-baiter and Red-hunter before there was a Communist Party, from his first employment by the Department of Justice in 1917, at the age of 22. Previously he had worked in the Library of Congress, where he became familiar with card index systems—no doubt helpful to his future efforts at establishing dossiers on millions of Americans, from Presidents and their families, Congressmen and Senators, down to dog catchers. He has also collected a fingerprint file of prodigious proportions—76 millions in 1943.

In 1919 the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice set up an *Anti-Radical Division*. Hoover became its chief and his career was launched. Four months later, he sounded off on his theme song (repeated in this book)—"The present organized world-wide class struggle threatens the foundations of society and civilization." He named his outfit the General Intelligence Division, which became the F.B.I. in 1924, with Hoover as its chief. Fourteen Attorney Generals and seven Presidents, Republicans and Democrats, have come and gone but for 34 years this man has remained, head of his personal police

force, refusing even to allow it to be placed under Civil Service, as are other Government agencies. His bright young men are trained in his methods and are responsible to him. A mantle of secrecy in the name of security, shrouds their records. Only after a recent Supreme Court decision did the F.B.I., faced with the charge of perjury, reluctantly admit that there were tape recordings of Louis Budenz' first conversations with them in 1945, which they had previously denied even to government lawyers. War on radicalism has been Hoover's preoccupation for four decades. It has caused the F.B.I. to commit excesses rebuked by courts and investigated by Congress. But all to no avail. He remains a law unto himself.

Yet Mr. Hoover is signally inept when dealing with real crime. He never solved the mystery of the 1919-1920 bomb plots, which he blamed on the I.W.W. and others, but which he used in June, 1920 for frantic appeals for more funds. It was my opinion then, and nothing has happened to change it since, that these acts were committed by provocateurs, like the New York policeman who later planted a bomb in St. Patrick's Cathedral and got himself promoted to a detective, in consequence of his arrest of a group of Anarchists. Before there were "Communists" Mr. Hoover's targets in crushing dissent were Socialists, Anarchists, I.W.W.'s, and conscientious objectors.

Methods were originated which are still in use—with more up-to-date techniques—such as placing informers and provocateurs in organizations, wire-tapping, making stenographic reports of public speeches, opening of mail, seizing of libraries (sometimes of valuable personal collections), publishing lists of pacifists and antiwar radicals, causing people to lose jobs and be blacklisted, revoking second-class privileges of periodicals, night raids, etc. Radicals were lynched, as was Frank Little, and force and violence, by beatings and tar and feathers, occurred in many places, as the early records of the American Civil Liberties Union show—yet we never heard of any F.B.I. investigations of these brutalities. Why should they investigate acts which their own organization encouraged?

Try as he will, J. Edgar Hoover cannot evade responsibility for the infamous Palmer raids of 1919-1920, when reports of the nationwide midnight raids were ordered sent to him in Washington. Ten thousand men and women were arrested, 6,500 were released only after days of F.B.I. inquisition incomunicado. The majority were freed later by indignant Federal courts. Several hundred were deported, after long confinement under excessive bail demanded by the Bureau. These high handed, illegal practices were denounced by prominent attorneys, including Felix Frankfurter, Zachariah Chafee, Roscoe Pound and Francis Fisher Kane, who had resigned as U. S. Attorney in Philadelphia in protest against such actions. Hoover now tries to disassociate himself from the terrible human tragedy of these raids. But he secured the ship, the *Buford* (called the Deportation Ark), from the Navy and personally supervised its departure, on Dec. 21, 1919. Families were torn apart, separated forever, and wives and children left penniless. Nor can Mr. Hoover evade responsibility for the tragic fate of Andrea Salsadeo, an Anarchist printer

who was held for eight weeks in 1920, as a private prisoner, without warrant, in the offices of the Bureau in New York City. His crushed body was found one day at dawn on the pavement below. His companion, Robert Elia, similarly held a prisoner, was immediately deported before reporters could question him.

I could go on indefinitely out of my memories of labor defense in bygone days. I could mention the state raid instigated by the Bureau in 1922 against the Communist Party convention in Michigan when planted agents were uncovered. I can cite the aid given to the state of Massachusetts in the prosecution of Sacco and Vanzetti, although two agents who attended the trial later admitted they were convinced of their innocence. Yet Mr. Hoover asserted then, as now, that the F.B.I. is merely a fact-finding body, not involved in prosecution. How can he explain its activity in 1922 which caused the arrest of 1,200 striking railroad shopmen under the Sherman Anti-Trust law and the loss of their strike?

In Chapter 21 of this book, Mr. Hoover asserts that the Communist Party has been an agency for espionage and sabotage since 1919. How does he reconcile this with the report he made in 1924 to his superior, Asst. Attorney General Donovan? Then he wrote: "It is, of course, to be remembered that the activities of Communists and other ultra-radicals have not up to the present time constituted a violation of the Federal statutes, and consequently, the Department of Justice, theoretically, has no right to investigate such activities as there has been no violation of Federal law." The restraining hand of Attorney-General Stone was felt at this time, when he ordered the end of spying, telephone snooping and undercover work. However, Hoover bided his time until he was able to return to the old tricks, with the departure of Mr. Stone. By 1940 another Senate Committee which included Harry Truman, Robert Wagner and others, heard a list of charges against the F.B.I. that sounded like 1919-1920. This was the year that F.B.I. agents conducted midnight raids in Detroit and Milwaukee, arresting a large number charged with recruiting men to go to Spain several years before. In Detroit the prisoners were marched through the streets in chains.

This is the background for *Masters of Deceit*. It is a dull and superficial book, parroting all the distortions, exaggerations and misrepresentations of the last forty years. It is based on such a deep-seated hatred and prejudice that it is akin to vile stories peddled by unscrupulous anti-Catholics against nuns and priests, or those of anti-Semites who proclaim the forged Protocols of Zion. It is a rehash of every canard, hoax and legend, plus every stereotyped charge either rejected in our trials or thrown out later by the Supreme Court.

Much of this book is ridiculous, although some of it unfortunately follows the line of people who have recently resigned from the Party. The chapter called "This Is the Party," is a travesty.

Nothing the Party does is good, nothing it does is right; all in the Party are slaves or dupes; tyrants and bureaucrats; traitors to their country, potential spies, agents of Moscow, etc., *ad nauseum*. All Communists conform to a pat-

tern with J. Edgar Hoover. "Ruthless" is the word. Marx was "egotistical, crafty, stubborn." Lenin was "utterly cynical." Foster is "a miniature Hitler." "Russian control" is the chorus to every verse. Co-existence must be the bane of Hoover's existence. How could he live without a Red Menace?

To answer this tirade would be to dignify deliberate fabrication. I refer every honest American to the real history of the Communist Party in the past 38 years. It fought in the 20's to maintain civil liberties for itself and others; in the 30's for the unemployed; in the 40's against fascism; and always to build unions, and to secure full rights for the Negro people. And it believes in Socialism, and fights imperialism. In the last decade, our Party has spearheaded the fight for the Bill of Rights, against the Smith Act, the Internal Security Act, the Taft-Hartley law, Loyalty tests and against all forms of McCarthyism; it has fought against war. It is because we have challenged the reactionary purposes and immoral methods of Hoover and the F.B.I. during all these years that we have won his hatred.

Let me add a few further comments. Mr. Hoover is greatly concerned to protect the Negro people from us, lest we "disaffect the Negroes of the U.S.A.," as the Bureau reported in its early days, when it attacked *The Messenger* as dangerous; and spied on people like W. E. B. Du Bois, John Haynes Holmes and Mary White Ovington for their support of equal rights of the Negro in America. The Negro press was accused by the G.I.D. of being "insolently offensive" and filled with "defiance and insolently race-centered condemnation of the white race." James Weldon Johnson, Negro writer, Secretary of the NAACP, opposed a Bureau-sponsored sedition bill that would have made agitation on the race issue seditious. He read to Congressmen an advance notice of time and place when a Negro was to be burned at the stake and Governor Bilbo's statement that he could not prevent it. Where was Mr. Hoover and the F.B.I. when these terrible events occurred? In 1941, Negro organizations called the attention of Congress to the fact that Mr. Hoover had never hired a single Negro as an F.B.I. agents. But far more important, the F.B.I. has done nothing for the right of Negro citizens to vote in the South, where millions are barred from the franchise by force and violence, nor has the F.B.I. done anything to help enforce the Supreme Court decision on desegregation of schools, busses, etc. The F.B.I. is conspicuously absent from every situation involving an invasion of the rights and freedom of the Negro people. I know of no instance of a single arrest or prosecution originated with an F.B.I. investigation of mob action or illegal denial of rights to Negro people. Negroes have been lynched, burned at the stake, shot down for attempting to vote, have been framed-up, deprived of their civil rights and of their legal right to be tried by their peers; denied jobs; herded into Jim Crow communities, sections of railroads, busses and stations; denied service in restaurants and theatres; denied the right to attend schools and colleges. Where has the F.B.I. ever come to their aid? Yet we Communists are "exploiting" them if we speak out on these outrages and try to help the Negro people secure their full rights in their own country!

While I was in Alderson Federal Women's Prison, serving a three year

sentence under the thought-control Smith Act, I met many juvenile offenders, who were the victims of an over-zealous F.B.I. in enforcing the Dyer Act against young "joy riders." Mr. Bennett, head of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, has objected on more than one occasion to these juveniles being brought to federal institutions and Congressman Dyer protested against the law being used in this manner rather than against adult criminals. The view shared by other Government Bureaus, except the F.B.I., is that these cases should be dealt with in their own communities. Young girls, sometimes away from home for the first time, are exposed in a Federal prison to foul language, boastful tales of all sorts of crimes, details of prostitution, of narcotic sales and addiction, and to lesbianism. No one of them but is bound to be affected by this terrible environment. It is a tragic thing to see the change for the worse take place in these children—so that Mr. Hoover can pose as an authority on juvenile delinquency.

From my personal experience before, during and since my prison term, I can state that I know literally hundreds of people who have been harassed by the F.B.I.—Smith Act defendants and their families, families of Communists who were not available to the F.B.I.; foreign-born workers; trade-union members, far removed from the Communist Party; students, teachers, artists, actors, inter-racial social groups, housewives going about their shopping, hotel keepers, restaurant owners, landlords, doctors, all for purposes of surveillance as to their beliefs or those of people with whom they might have associated. Not even in prison are men and women safe from F.B.I. interrogation. This \$20,000 a year snooper, whose men are ready to sift garbage or spy on the family affairs of a Senator, who will arrest a child but have been unsuccessful in tracing down the top hundred gangsters of the country—surely it is time for him to be exposed as an incompetent fraud. His bureau spends millions every year, his army increases and so does crime. He is so busy witch-hunting, that the F.B.I. with all its facilities actually contributes approximately only 1 per cent of all criminal arrests and convictions in the U.S.A.

The title of this book is a complete misnomer, as applied to the Communist Party and Hoover has made no case to prove it either in court or in this book. Actually, Master of Deceit and Conceit would be a fitting title for a biography of J. Edgar Hoover. It will yet be written, with a myriad of interesting comments on this man and his foul deeds, which could include those of Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, Assistant Secretary Louis F. Post (1929), Federal Judge Anderson of Boston; Senators Borah of Idaho, Walsh of Montana, Norris of Nebraska, Wheeler of Montana, McKellar of Tennessee, Connally of Texas, Hatch of New Mexico and many others. Some day, in a calmer political climate, to paraphrase Justice Black, the F.B.I. files will be opened and undoubtedly will reveal a veritable Collier-mass of rubbish fit only for the incinerator. Meantime this book is grist to the mill of the next request for increased appropriations to Mr. Hoover.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN.

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May 22, 1958

Miss [redacted]  
4606 Castlewood Drive, East  
Jacksonville 6, Florida

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Dear Miss [redacted]

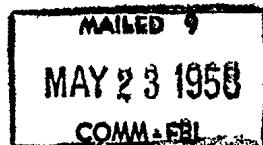
Your letter of May 18, 1958, with enclosure,  
has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

It was thoughtful of you to comment so favorably  
regarding "Masters of Deceit," and I am grateful for your kind-  
ness. In response to your inquiry concerning the broadcasting  
of the serialization of the book over major networks, I thought  
you might like to know that I have made no plans in this regard;  
however, I want to thank you for your suggestion in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar [redacted]

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles on basis of data  
available. Her self-addressed, stamped envelope is being utilized in  
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Miss Gandy

*[Handwritten signatures and initials over the list]*

4606 Castlewood Drive E.  
Golfair Manor  
Jacksonville 6, Florida  
May 18, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been reading the articles from your book, "Masters of Deceit," through the Jacksonville Journal and I think it is one of the greatest books of all time. I have ordered the book but it hasn't arrived yet. You have done your Country and the world a great service in writing this book. May God bless you in this work.

The way I feel, this book should be kept constantly in the minds of the people until they do something about Communism in this Country. Don't you think it would be a good thing to broadcast these articles piece by piece on NBC or CBS, until every chapter has been covered? You see, there are people who do not read the paper but will take time to look at TV. I do honestly believe that this book will be a big factor in turning many minds away from Communism.

Don't you think that this Country should outlaw Communism and have all the literature destroyed? I am willing to spend the last penny I have to put an end to Communism in the United States once and for all. If we expect to help mold human beings who know God and the Good, then we should destroy this poison literature, and put all these agitators and devils in jail where they should be.

The recent abuse inflicted upon our Vice President Nixon and his party certainly affirms your viewpoint of Communism and it seems to me it will take some very drastic action to combat them at home and abroad.

I do wish to know what you think though, of broadcasting your book over the National hookups?

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Respectfully yours,

E. [initials]  
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DALLAS, TEXAS

May 23, 1958

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Mr. Clayton  
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Miss Gandy

Mr. J Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

O Master's of Deceit

I want to thank you very much for the copy of your book 'Master's of Deceit. I have heard many comments on this and have been anxious to read it, and since I am confined to my home for a period it came just at the right time.

I regret that I have not had the pleasure of meeting you personally, but I know that either [redacted] or some other of our mutual friends requested you to send the book.

I am pleased to have it, however it came. /

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I am coming along in fine shape and hope to be down to Koon Creek giving [redacted] a little competition on the bream catching. If you can find the time from your many duties we would love to have you come down and join us. [redacted]

With kindest regards, I am

15 MAY 28 1958

Gratefully yours,

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no reply



*- Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104277) DATE: May 26, 1958

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (94-334)

SUBJECT: MASTERS OF DECEIT  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Re Miami letter, 4/22/58, and Laboratory report,  
5/2/58.

All logical leads have been covered and this  
case is closed.

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May 27, 1958

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Mrs. [REDACTED]  
440 East 88th Street  
New York 28, New York.

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 17, 1958, has been received, and I do appreciate your generous comments about my book, "Masters of Deceit."

It is my sincere hope that this book will be of assistance to the American people in their fight against communism. Only by an informed citizenry can we hope to defeat this atheistic doctrine.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAY 27 1958

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NOTE: Correspondent not identifiable in Bufiles. Letter sent to Director, "c/o Henry Holt Co., 383 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y." but forwarded to the Bureau.

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440 88th St  
New York 28 NY.  
May 17. 58

Mr. J Edgar Hoover  
Director of the FBI.

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

During the last few days I have been reading your book, "Masters of Deceit." Of the 150 or more books on Russia & Communism I've read in the last ten years, most of them tell what is done in Russia or her satellites. Your book tells what American Communists do in the U.S.A. I think it will surprise a great many people as it did me.

By all means it should go into a paper-back edition where it will be more widely read for it is a great contribution to the enlightenment of the American people and to the realization of their patriotic duty. There are three books that should be more widely read which show the attitude of young people inside the iron curtain. "The New Class" by Djilas. "Not By Bread Alone" by Vladimer Dudinstev and very recently "Child of the Revolution" by Leonhard Wolfgang who was close to the people now governing East Germany. In fact he was an aide to Ulbricht now in power. Although grounded in Soviet ideology from the age of 11, his sense of justice could not take what the Soviets did to East Germany. He fled to Yugoslavia where he is now.

Now that book is priced at \$6.50 and it should be in a paper cover edition. America for the last few years has been on a grand joy ride. It is high time the country is aroused to responsibility of every citizen, not only to ourselves, but to the whole free world.

Mr Dillon Secretary of Economic affairs in the State Dept. was reported in the N. Y. Times as saying "that 1/4 of the world population do not have as much or more than \$100 to spend in a year, and 1/3 go to bed hungry every night." Yet on page 3 of the N. Y. Times every day for the past year Tiffany advertises fantastic baubles inset with diamonds at enormous prices in thousands of dollars. Perhaps we will all learn the lesson that has been impressed on General Motors that genuine useful value is better than splurge and show.

I only wish I were 40 years old instead of 84. I certainly would try to be useful. But as a one-time principal of a N. Y. City school, I made sure that every 8th grade pupil knew the Constitution and passed a quite detailed test on it before he or she graduated. As a man of great value to America and a great patriot, let me salute you.

Very sincerely  
/s/ (Mrs) Annie E. Snyder

cc: M. E. S., 5-22 RL, JAS

440 E 88<sup>th</sup> St

New York 28 44.

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Very sincerely

(Ms) Annie E. Snyder

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *MNP*

DATE: May 23, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

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Reference is made to a letter dated May 13, 1958, captioned as above, from Legat, Tokyo, in which he makes reference to correspondence between [redacted] the Board of Directors, Japan Institute of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, with Henry Holt and Company, concerning publishing rights in Japan for "Masters of Deceit." [redacted] is interested in securing the publishing rights, but was advised by Henry Holt that at the moment the book is under option.

The Legat, Tokyo, also advised that [redacted] Publications Section, United States Information Service, American Embassy, Tokyo, told him that his [redacted] office hopes to be able to subsidize publication of a Japanese version of the book through a reputable publisher, possibly not the Japan Institute of Foreign Affairs. The Legat requested the Bureau to advise whether there would be any objection to publication of the book in Japanese, and if not, what procedure should be followed to obtain publication rights. Mr. Tolson indicated, in this connection, that this decision was up to Henry Holt and Company. Mr. Tolson also instructed that we write Mr. Rigg of Henry Holt and Company concerning this matter.

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b7CRECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the attached letter be sent to the Legat, Tokyo.

(2) That the attached letter over Mr. Tolson's signature be sent to Mr. Rigg of Henry Holt and Company.

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May 22, 1958

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Dr. [redacted]

Northland College  
Ashland, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. [redacted]

I certainly appreciate your thoughtful letter of May 15, 1958, and your very complimentary comments regarding "Masters of Deceit."

Your kindness means a great deal to me, and I was very happy to inscribe the book to you upon the request from

[redacted] I have enjoyed a close friendship with [redacted] for many years, and I am grateful for the sentiments expressed by him concerning my administration of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

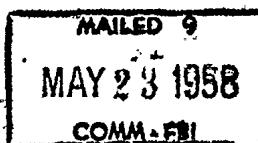
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NOTE: Upon request from Mr. [redacted] the Director autographed a copy of his book to Dr. [redacted] on 5-16-58.

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Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

*[Signature]*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You cannot imagine the thrill I experienced when I received the copy of your great book, Masters of Deceit, personally inscribed to me from you. I appreciate so much your doing this, and, of course, I was doubly happy that it was made possible through the efforts of my good friend (and college trustee), [redacted] ✓

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You have done an excellent job in this book describing the activities of the international conspiracy which threatens the basic liberties of us all. We wish you all success in your great fight.

Often I hear another of our trustees, [redacted] speak of his friendship with you and of his high esteem for your work. Some day we hope it will be possible to have you visit our campus and meet with our students and faculty. Of course, I am hoping that none of them will need any investigating!

Thank you again. Very best wishes.

Cordially yours,

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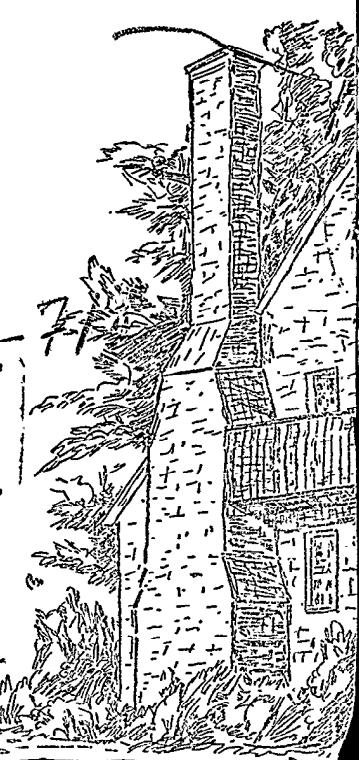
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May 26, 1958

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REC-62

103 Bridge Street  
Washington, North Carolina

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 18, 1958, was received in the absence of Mr. Hoover from the city, and I am taking the liberty of acknowledging it.

While I know Mr. Hoover would like to be of help, there is no information which he would be able to furnish you. The FBI, as you know, was founded in 1908, just a few years before the Colorado events you mentioned, and data for this early period was very incomplete.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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NOTE: Nothing derogatory in Bufiles concerning correspondent and wife.  
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Washington, North Carolina.

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Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Clayton  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

Washington, N. C.

May 18th.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Your recent book is creating considerable interest in our local library.

Mrs. Ford is reading it to me and I feel an urge to make a few comments.

I was a physician in Trinidad, Colo. during the big coal strike in nineteen twelve and fourteen. The local war <sup>3</sup> and it was a war <sup>4</sup> was finally ended by Federal troops. John Lewis and a man named Foster made big preparations and lead that civil war.

Question. Was that Foster the same that now leads the Communists in this country?

I was in Siberia for eighteen months - Red Cross - during our allied push against the Bolsheviks there. I have reason to believe that the Soviets have a personal dossier on me. REC-62 62 104277-7

I regret that I can be of no use in the fight against the Communists here. My sole weapon is strong language whenever they come up in conversation.

More power to you, and a hope for sympathetic Supreme Court,

Sincerely yours  
D. E. Ford M.D.

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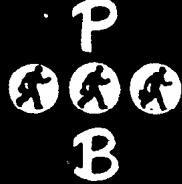
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18 MAY 28 1958

Lfr. Ford had a diary stolen from him in  
Vladevostock! Who knows who has it now.

/s/ Mildred B. Ford.

ENCLOSURE



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May 26, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My deep appreciation and sincerest thanks for sending the autographed copy of your book "Masters of Deceit".

I am looking forward to reading your book, as I'm sure there is a great deal can be gained from the knowledge you have put forth in this publication.

Very truly yours,

*Jol. Polk*  
Sol Polk

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May 24, 1958.

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Mr. Edgar Huver,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington.

Dear Sir:

I read in the San Francisco newspaper "Russian Life" extracts from your book "Masters of Deceit". You learned very much about communists. I want give you some additional information.

People are borning with their distinctive inclinations - good, medium, adn bad. Nobody converted Stalin into communist; he received his cruel sadistic natur by birth. His face and eyes differed from faces and eyes of normal people. The same thing may be said about all main Kremlin rulers - Lenin, Jagoda , Beria and others. However, such cruel people are not many among all nations, less than 1%.

But they hold in all commparties power in their hands and are drawing into these parties various irresolute, careless, and pathological elements. These elements are not so cruel as their leaders, many of them are morally normal and have common appearance.

What leaders are doing with them - you know. All communists form about 5% of all the mankind. The rest - 95% of all nations people have more or less normal morality and belong to anticomunists. Such proportion exists also in the countries which are under communistic regim. During the Hungarian revolution in 1956 there remained true to previous regim not more than 5% of all country population.

Such division of the man kind have been appeared openly after Octoober revolution in 1917 in Russia. Since this time between both

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groups had been going continual struggle, by which communists gained many victories and now are threatening to all the world. How has it happened that the leaders of communism, having only about 5% adherents, many times defeated anticomunistic rulers, <sup>whom</sup> were staying 95% of the world people? The answer is - only by deceit, their main weapon.

In October of 1917 Lenin had in Petersburg only about 25000 partisans, or 0,7% of city population ( 3,5 millions) and defeated the Provisional government of Kerensky. It had been occurred only because that Lenin had used deceits and had destroyed by propaganda and work of his agents in government institutions own opponents power in such way that during October revolution the legal government had been protected ~~only~~ only by a small group of military school cadets and the women batalion. After this revolution Lenin seized all Russia.

Another very great deceit had been happened in 1945 in Jalta. Stalin deceived President Roosevelt and Premier Churchill and seized the present satellit countries and China. This Stalin victory was tremendously great.

What is it going now? The struggle between two ( 5% and 95%) groups is continuing in form of preparation for "Octoobers" in every free country and especially in the United States. It is going in the same way as it had been done in 1917 in Russia. There in July of 1917 bolsheviks tried to derive riot but failed. Some of their leaders (Trocky, Nahamkes and others) had been arrested. Kerensky freed them. In America also had been arrested some communists. Judges of court freed them. When general Kornilov tried to fight against bolsheviks, many Russians, particularly socialists, stepped out against him and saved bolsheviks. If the American police sometimes tries to do some thing against dangerous fanatics and Kremlin agents, public opinion is soundly protesting. During summer of 1917 in Russia bolsheviks

developed grandiose propaganda to destroy morality of people. Now similar thing is going in the United States. In Russia industrialist Morosov helped bolsheviks, gave them a lot of money, (later when he learned better than them he committed suicide). Now in America industrialist Eaton openly supports communists. In 1917 many people warned Kerensky. But he did not pay attention and told that the adherents of Lenin form only a small group which is weak and can do nothing. Now some Americans (senator Knowland) warn the American government, but without success. There is such opinion that in the United States there are only about 10000 communists, they are weak and so on. Kerensky and his colleagues instead of acting had spoken. Almost the same thing is going in the United States.

In the Soviet Union there is only one ruler, at present Khrushchev. There are not democratic countries agents. If some foreign diplomat tries to speak with ordinary people he has <sup>to</sup> go away. And at the same time in all free countries there are legal governments and also "fifth columns" and a lot of Kremlin agents, it means two powers. Between these powers there is going continual struggle. The result will be: either legal governments destroy communists or vice versa.

Khrushchev does not dare to start the World War III because that in his rear there are Hungarian, Polish, other satellites, and Russian people who burningly hate communism, they will not fight for the Kremlin rulers. Therefore he is using another way - struggle inside of free countries, particularly in the United States. This struggle is relieved for Khrushchev by the lack of knowledge about communism among leaders and ordinary people of democratic countries. Therefore the Americans, instead of protecting own country, are giving very much freedom to those who work very hard for destroying their homeland. For instance, in the United States there are many orthodox churches which are subordinated to Moscow jurisdiction. The priests of these churches have close contact with people and

should give information to the Soviet secret police. Various other Kremlin agents are working here as at home. You ask the Americans to inform you about enemy agents. This shows that you do not know exactly what is going in your own country,- who is who. Communists may use this circumstance and give you false information; your agents will work in vain. But Mr. Menshikov is indeed the master of situation, he knows all, because his agents are infiltrated everywhere, probably even in F.B.I. and around White House.

Any contact between the American and Russian people is very desired thing. But these people are divided by the wall of emparty. Therefore by exchange of delegations from America are going to the Soviet Union ordinary Americans, but from the USSR come only fanatic communists who hate the United States and their richness exactly in such way as those who performed demonstrations in Venezuela against Mr. Nixon. There may be some artists not communists. But they all received order what to do and how to behave themselves in the United States. This order recomended them to smile, be "frank", praise. And they fulfil it saying that like very much New York, its stories, people, etc. But are simslar things in the Moscow newspaper? No. Thus all smiles are false, for deceit. In Venezuela stones, in New York smiles. Smiles are more dangerous.

Political events show that Khrushchev decided to start a small war the front of which is not a line but all areas of free countries and particularly the United States. Attack already began. If democratic nations do not want to be destroyed they and their leaders shoud awake and start conterattack. Police forces must be enlarged, mobolized and put in action simultaneously in all countries. Danger is very great, It is not time for speaking. It is necessary to act before it will be too late. Kerensky's experiences must not be repeated.

As you know, in the communistic countries there were considerable troubles- in East Germany (1953), in Poland and Hungary (1956), and

even in the Soviet Union. But now there all is in order. Who did it? Khrushchev, because he is clever, sly, ruthless, and capable to act. Now he turned his attention to free countries and want to put there own order. Is there among democratic leaders worthy competitor to him? I do not know, may be Mr. Nixon if he would have necessary knowlegd about communism. Nevertheless all free nation leaders must do all for protection the free world. They have to work together. The weakness of Khrushchev is - he is leader only of 5%. It must be taken into account. Therefore it is unbelievable that 5% communists will defeat 95% anti-communists. It may be happened only if leaders of free nations would appeared to be very weak, incapable to act ant negligent.

Here is a lot of work for F.B. I. It must be enlarged ~~w~~ twice or three times and statr more activilly to serve the man-kind. It is or not enough to discover some single Kremlin agents, it is necessary to destroy all communistic organisations.

Leaders of free nations must understand that the Kremlin rulers are differernt people. Even Khrushchev said that Stalin was a cruel sadist and murderer, <sup>his</sup> successors are not better. Any agreement between democratic leaders and them is impossible. They prefer to speak by stones and sticks. Khrushchev does not want any agreement with the West. He wishes only to be once more the great "Master of Deceit", for this purpose he needs a new Yalta.

I hope that you understand me and use my information profitably, putting it into good English and widely spreading to all and to those who want to visit the USSR (Stevens), let they know that all what they will hear there will be only lie.

You Americans are very pround of your freedom, because you do not know communism. But new Americans and emigrants from communistic countries are here under terror of Kremlin agents. They can not say openly what they think. A lot of this people are forced by terror work for communism. They dare not turn to you-Americans for help,

because they see that you, instead of fighting against communists are in many ways helping them. Please turn your attention to those unhappy people. You may discover there a lot of unexpected things. I myself can not rely on the American police and have to be very cautious, can not give you my address and have to send this letter through a neighbouring country, in two copies, may be one will reach you.

I would like to visit your office and give more information, but I do not want to be kidnaped.

In 1917 I had a friend who was a commissar of Kerensky government in the army. I warned him, I asked him to explain dangerousness of situation to his chiefs in Petersburg. But every time returning from the capital he repeated Kerensky's words: bolsheviks form only a small group and so on. Then came "October". Now I am warning you and all Americans. Will you take it seriously? I hope you will, you must. Otherwise The mankind will be soon under communism.

Is it difficult for the Americans to understand that freedom must be only for those who respect it, but not for those who are destroying it.

40 years I was a strong optimist and believed that 95% will defeat 5%. But the events of last years considerably lowered my optimism. I have such feeling as I had in 1917 before "October". Democratic leaders, <sup>except S. Rees and</sup> <sup>Adenauer,</sup> are more than naive and do not know the nature of communism. Nevertheless I hope that strikes in Venezuela, strikes in New York, and increasing activity of communists every where will awake free nations and their leaders.

Yours very truly



*N. D. L. Stil*

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Legal Attache, Tokyo (66-58A)

May 26, 1958

Director, FBI

"MASTERS OF DECEIT"

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Reurlet dated May 13, 1958, captioned as above.

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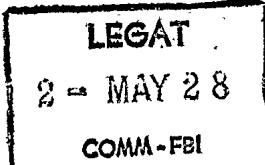
In regard to the possible publication of "Masters of Deceit" in Japan, you should refer any person making such inquiries to the publisher, Henry Holt and Company, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York. This company, not the FBI, has the responsibility of making such decisions.

It was good to hear of the favorable reaction in Manila to "Masters of Deceit." We have been very happy over the book's response here also.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

NOTE: See Jones to Nease Memo dated 5/23/58, captioned, "Masters of Deceit." FCS:cjc

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : Legat, Tokyo (66-58A)  
 SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

DATE: 5/13/58

Mr. Tolson
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On 4/22/58 [redacted]  
 Board of Directors, Japan Institute of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo (JIFA), advised SA [redacted] he was interested in getting the publishing rights in Japan for the captioned book written by the Director. In this connection, he stated he had written to the publisher, HENRY HOLT & CO., Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York, and received a reply dated 4/4/58 in which the company regretted to advise that at the moment the book is under option. The company also advised that it would inform [redacted] when the book becomes available. [redacted]  
 [redacted] personally expressed an interest in being able to publish this book in the Japanese language and requested that this office convey his interest to the Bureau.

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No commitment was made to [redacted]  
 [redacted] Publications Section, USIS, American Embassy, Tokyo, has advised he hopes his office may be able to subsidize publication of a Japanese version of "Masters of Deceit" through a reputable publisher, possibly not the JIFA. Contact will be maintained with Mr. [redacted] in this connection.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether there would be any objection to publication of "Masters of Deceit" in Japanese, and if not, what procedure should be followed by the publisher to obtain publication rights.

~~Revised up to May 10, 1958~~  
 It will be of interest to the Bureau to know that "Masters of Deceit" has for the past three weeks been appearing in serial form on the first page of the "Manila Times" newspaper, Manila, P.I. Many enthusiastic comments concerning the book were made to the writer by Law Enforcement, Government and business contacts in Manila during recent road trip to that city.

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18 MAY 29 1958

CRIME REO

57-25

May 28, 1958

Mr. [redacted]  
1570 East Marion  
Shorewood 11, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. [redacted]

REC-7Z

EX-139 Your communication postmarked May 20,  
1958, has been received in the absence of Mr. Hoover from  
the city, and I am taking the liberty of acknowledging it. I  
know he will appreciate your kind comments regarding "Masters  
of Deceit."

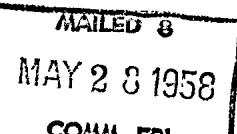
In connection with your inquiry, it is suggested  
that you may wish to obtain a copy of this book from a local  
bookseller or directly from the publisher, Henry Holt and  
Company, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.  
The price of this book is five dollars.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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nature of his communication, an in-absence reply is deemed appropriate.

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TRUE COPY

Dear Mr. Hoover,

(Your Book Masters of Deciet, is very good indeed I sure would like to obtain a copy of it.

Keep up the good work. God Bless America

As Ever,

Your Christian Friend,

/s/ Mr. [redacted]

(I'm Doing My Part.)

P. S. We have to all help & give America back her good name.  
The good old U. S. A. Liberty & Justice for all. -- Yes Freedom,  
to worship God, as we choose - [redacted]

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ADDRESS:

Mr. [redacted]  
1570 East Marion  
Shorewood 11, Wisconsin

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Clayton \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

DEAR MR. HOOVER.

YOUR BOOK MASTERS OF DECEIT IS VERY GOOD INDEXED  
I ~~SURE~~ WOULD LIKE TO ~~OBTAIN~~ A COPY OF IT.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. — GOD BLESS AMERICA  
AS EVER.

YOUR CHRISTIAN FRIEND.

(in doing my part.)



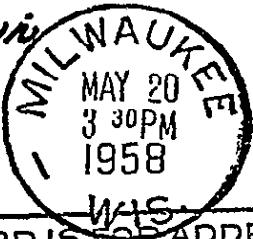
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P.S. WE HAVE TO ALL HELP & GIVE AMERICA  
BACK HER GOOD NAME. THE GOOD OLD U.S.A.  
LIBERTY & JUSTICE FOR ALL. — YES. FREEDOM  
TO WORSHIP GOD. AS WE CHOOSE —

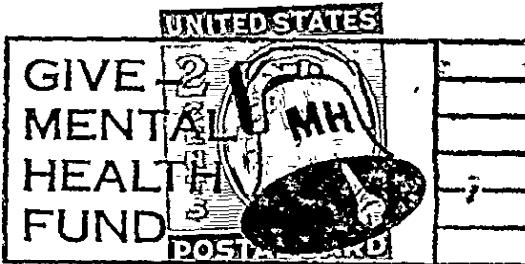


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1570 EAST MANNON  
SHOREWOOD 11, Wisconsin



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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To: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

DIRECTOR,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, WASHINGTON D.C.

(U.S.A.)

(rec'd)  
5-22-58

May 28, 1958

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Route 5  
Greenville, Illinois

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] 11-1047-724

REC &

I have received your letter postmarked May 21, 1958, together with enclosures, and was very pleased to learn of your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

Although I would like to comply with your request, I regret to advise that I do not have available for distribution to the public copies of this book. It is suggested, however, that you may wish to obtain a copy from a local book-seller or directly from the publisher, Henry Holt and Company, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

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J. Edgar Hoover

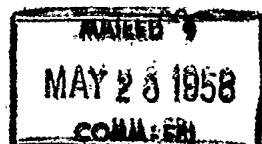
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MAIL ROOM

TRUE COPY

May 17. 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Sir:

Just a few lines to let you know the wonderful book of yours ("Masters of Deceit") are memories of you and your wonderful fine staff. when we say God Bless America-I do mean you. I would like to purchase one of these precious books, and bill me the price. I read with much hope and interest your daily installment reprint from the book of("Masters of Deceit") being published in the fine St. Louis Globe Democrat paper. A sort of todays history book of the new World. Here I ("quote") a powerful little quotation-by Billy Graham A few plus God-equals Victory. ("unquote") Let me say you are one of them few, that will always be remembered in God we trust. for the better American way of life.

Sincerely Yours

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]  
R. R. 5.  
Greenville, Ill.

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(P.S.) Precious memories of last year 1957, among my Souvenirs thru Reader's Digest for the best in good reading.

Bits of more good reading from the St. Louis Globe Democ rat paper.

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May 17, 1958

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Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. [redacted]

R.R. 5.

Grenville, Ill.

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## Father Keller

### WISDOM IN A FEW WORDS

This old English prayer contains much food for thought:

Give me a good digestion, Lord  
And something to digest.  
Give me a healthy body, Lord,  
With sense to keep it at its best.

Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,  
To keep the good and pure in sight.  
Which, seeing sin, is not appalled,  
But finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored,  
That does not whimper, whine or sigh;

Don't let me worry over much  
About the fussy thing  
called "I"

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,

Give me the grace to see a joke.

To get some pleasure out of life

And pass it on to other folk.

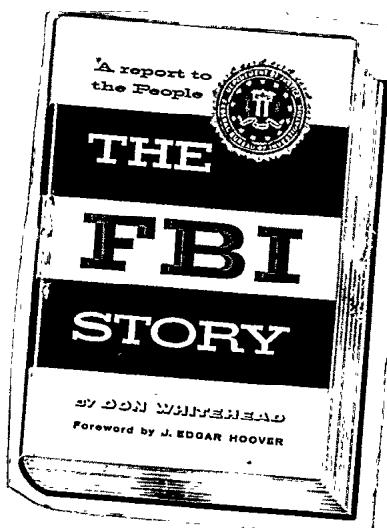
Prayer is a lifting of the heart and mind to God. Speak frequently to Him in your own words about your joys and sorrows, successes and failures, and you too will develop great wisdom and understanding.

"I will therefore that men pray in every place, lifting up pure hands, without anger and contention." (1 Timothy 2:8)

## Ben Burroughs Sketches

### THE AMERICAN WAY

What are the treasured things that help . . . a nation conquer strife . . . read on and I will tell you of . . . the American way of life . . . it deals with faith and brotherhood . . . with friendliness and trust . . . for if a country is to live . . . these factors are a must . . . respect for every race and creed . . . fosters untold strength . . . when people have a common cause . . . their valor has no length . . . freedom in all its glory . . . without which all is lost . . . when people live in freedom . . . they'll die to pay the cost . . . the right to work at what they choose . . . to speak and write and pray . . . thank God for letting me be part . . . of the American way.



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: May 2, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE

SUBJECT: AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
 THE AMERICAN LEGION  
 SPRING MEETINGS  
 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
 APRIL 28 and 29, 1958

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 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jones *[Signature]*

Messrs. DeLoach and Hanning attended the captioned meetings in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 28 and 29, 1958.

Of primary importance, the Americanism Commission heard statements from various representatives of several states reflecting that the laws of the individual states would not allow the introduction of specific text books in the various schools throughout those states unless the states themselves printed the text books. This is true in California, Nebraska, Michigan and several other states. The American Legion, therefore, decided not to recommend a text book which would be used for the specific purpose of teaching the subject of communism. In order to get around this matter, the Legion passed the attached resolution which recommends that "Masters of Deceit," by J. Edgar Hoover, be recommended to schools and libraries as reference reading on the subject of subversion. This resolution will be sent to the departments of the Legion in all states, territories and foreign countries. The entire list of 17,000 posts will receive this resolution at which time the post commanders will be asked to approach the high schools in their area with the purpose in mind of having a copy of "Masters of Deceit" placed in the high school library or be used as a reference work if the subject of communism is to be taught in the respective schools.

At [redacted] request, the report on the Commission on Government Security was once again considered by the Americanism Commission. This report has previously been turned down twice by the American Legion. The commission this time voted not to spend any more time in further consideration of this matter but to advise Mr. [redacted] bluntly that the Legion did not agree with the recommendations of his commission and, consequently, would afford this matter no further study.

Enclosures (2) *see act 5-2-58*

1 - Mr. Boardman

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Jones

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson:

The Legion passed a strong resolution deplored the activities of Southern Methodist University, University of Wisconsin and other institutions of higher learning that had issued invitations to John Gates to be a principal speaker at those colleges. This resolution pointed out the viciousness of Gates and the fact that it was deplorable that he was being allowed to participate in student body activities in the colleges of this nation.

There was considerable discussion at the mentioned meetings relative to the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit." It is readily apparent that the book is meeting with wide enthusiasm in Legion circles. Several members of the Americanism Commission quoted from the book on occasion throughout the Spring meetings.

ACTION:

You may desire to send the attached letter to Ed Rigg, Henry Holt and Company, relative to the Legion's action concerning the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit."

(Mr. Tolson)

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FOUR THOUSAND THREE CARONDELET ST.  
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Dear Mr. Hooper:

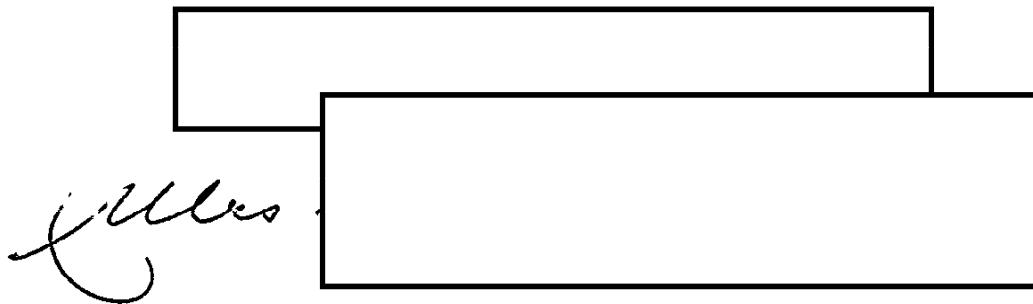
Since my  
bookshop supply was  
exhausted I have  
ordered "Master's of Death"  
as you suggested in  
your May 1st letter. <sup>REC-91 6-104277-125</sup>  
Copies will come to  
you for ~~graphing~~ <sup>11 MAY 28 1958</sup>

Macky thanks - ~~graphing~~  
*REC-91 6-104277-125*  
I took the  
privilege of addressing <sup>CRIME REC</sup>  
third copy for our  
new library, this is

See especially for  
"Payne Memorial Methodist  
Church" library, and  
another especially for  
"St Martin's <sup>Methodist</sup> ~~Episcopal~~  
Episcopal <sup>School</sup> ~~Episcopal~~" library

Thanking you,  
sincerely, Dan.

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May 5, 1958

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Robert Lehman  
Lehman Brothers  
One William Street  
New York 4, New York

Dear Mr. Lehman:

I have received the copy of your letter to  
Mr. [redacted] dated May 20, 1958, which you so  
thoughtfully forwarded to me.

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You may be sure I am deeply grateful for  
your fine support of my book, "Masters of Deceit." It is  
most encouraging that this book was so well received by  
you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Chicago Office  
231 South La Salle Street

Lehman Brothers

One William Street  
New York 4, N.Y.

Mr. [redacted]  
420 Lexington Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear [redacted]

It gives me great pleasure to enclose a check for \$1,000.00 to be used for the purpose of distribution of "Masters of Deceit" to public libraries. I am a great admirer of Mr. Hoover and think that a wide distribution of his excellent book among college students is very much in the public interest.

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It was nice to have had a chance to visit with you in Washington the other night, and I hope that I may look forward to that pleasure soon again. We don't see each other often enough to suit me.

[redacted] you are always working on constructive measures, and this is just another instance of the many things you do for good causes.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert Lehman

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cc: Mr. J. E. Hoover

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (66-2241)

## [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed is a clipping from the May 18, 1958, issue of the Daily Oklahoman, Okla. City newspaper. The clipping refers to "Masters of Deceit" in a derogatory fashion, and is signed [REDACTED] 633 N. W. 8."

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The Okla. City telephone directory and the city directory for Okla. City failed to reflect anyone by the name of [REDACTED]. There is no 633 N. W. 8th St. in Okla. City, since the 600 block on N. W. 8th St. ends with 630. There is no record of anyone by the name of [REDACTED] in the Okla. City Credit Bureau, Police Dept. or Sheriff's Office. Okla. City Office indices also negative.

The foregoing is being submitted as a matter of information for the Bureau.

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## Hoover's Role

TO THE EDITOR:

"**M**ASTERS OF DECEIT" by J. Edgar Hoover is the last dying gasps and death throes of McCarthyism. How disappointed Mr. Hoover must be to see that the people still have enough courage and love of freedom left to resist his efforts to frighten them into submission.

There is no place in a democracy for a man like Hoover. There is a place for him in a despotic system like the dictatorship of Franco or Batista. As we gain freedom, he loses power; as we lose freedom, he gains power. Therein lies the reason for his book.

He is afraid the bugaboo "Communism" might lose its effectiveness if the people begin to suspect that it is a fairy tale like Santa Claus or Satan. He and his book remind one of Cotton Mathers and his fiery sermons of an eternal hell of agony and boiling brimstone.

Man outgrew Mathers and I am optimistic enough to think he has also outgrown J. Edgar Hoover and McCarthy. Let us hope so!

W. E. TAPPANY, 633 NW 8.

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